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## in attack on labour reforms

By Michael Harrison and

A DAMAGING split was nesses, not markets, assets, threatening to develop last brands, governments, not peonight in Labour's newly forged relationship with business after an extraordinary attack on Tony Blair's "third way" by the cext head of the Coofederation of British Industry.

Sir Clive Thompson, who takes over as CBI president in about the Prime Minister's employment reforms, criticising government interference and the coocept of a workplace partnership between employers and trade unions.

The remarks could undermine the warm relationship that and the Government enjoyed a Tony Blair has developed with the CBL Sir Colin Marshall, the its formal response to the Fairoutgoing president, had just ness at Work White Paper, the delivered a speech praising the CBI's director general, Adair partnership with New Labour and the stable policies of the



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Sir Clive Thompson: Scathing

Chancellor, Gordon Brown. Sir Clive, chief executive of Rentokil Initial, said that statutory union recognition was some-thing that should be put in a handbook to help firms improve their "pest control" tech-oiques. "On the one hand, the Government is trying to create a positive atmosphere for industrial relations - the third way, based on partnership. But then one of the partners is

forbed to the table." His comments, delivered at the CBI armual dinner late on Wednesday night, were widely seen as a throwback to Thatcherism and were doubly provocative since Mr Blair was sitting next to him at the time. The general secretary of the TUC, John Monks, was also at the event and was said by one observer to

be "spitting blood" afterwards. Sir Clive poured scour on the idea of partnership and the concepts at the core of the

By Richard Lloyd Parry and Michael Harrison

THE construction company\_

Trafalgar House is set to be-come the next British casualty

of the fall of President Subar-

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Government's Fairness at Work proposals. "It is people as individuals who huild great husi-

ple collectively hut people as

individuals through their lead-

ership, determination, self-belief

and commitment," he said. His comments jarred with the speech given just a few minutes beforehand by Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Air-July, was especially scathing ways, who spoke of the "evolving partnership between Governmeot and business" and praised Gordon Brown for the way he saw eye-to-eye with business oo the need for stability and sustainable economic development.

> Sir Colin added that the CBI "largely mutual philosophy". In Turner, describ ment's approach to statutory union recognition as "workable".

Sir Clive's comments also shocked large oumbers of the 1,600 business leaders attending the dinner. One said his speech was " off the wall and completely out of line". Another said it was "badly misjudged". Pierre Jungels, chief executive

of Enterprise Oil, said: "I found the speech very curious. It surprised me personally that the CBI is shifting from a president tuned into the new thinking to one who sees things so differently."

Sir Colin maintained yesterday that Sir Clive had done a good job in bringing the evening to a close and seemed taken aback that the speech had provoked such a strong reaction.

The Rentokil chief will take on the CBI presidency for two years, during which time he will be the principal spokesman for British business and charged with the task of presenting its views in Downing Street.

David Chidgey, the Liberal Democrat trade and industry spokesman, was at the dinner hut assumed Sir Clive's comment about pest control was a joke. "If you read it cold theo it's a pretty Neanderthal remark. It's like going back to the Dark Ages and it underlines the fact that the CBI have always been opposed to statutory union recognition. That's beeo the case for as long as anyone can remember and that's the way they have started into the

consultation with the TUC."

the dictator's daughter.

Sources in the Indonesian

government told The Indepen-

dent yesterday that they want to

find another private company to

build a 59km toll road which

Trafalgar House, now called

Kvaerner, is constructing in

British interests in Indonesia

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News of the latest blow to

## CBI chief Does this picture make you flinch? Clare Short says graphic images like this stop people caring



One of the thousands of starving children in southern Sudan. Clare Short said that if aid agencies were constantly appealing for emergency aid the world would be 'going round in an endless cycle that never reaches a solution' Photograph: AP

## Pakistan in nuclear tit-for-tat

By Peter Popham in Delhi

THE nuclear arms race, Mark Two, got under way yesterday afternoon when Pakistan exploded five ouclear devices Baluchistan, near the Iranian border. The tests were a riposte. five tests earlier this monthstunned the world.

was swift and severe. A Nato

Trafalgar House to lose Indonesian contract

to. Rolls-Royce, Rio Tinto, BP.

United Biscuits and the Bank of

Scotland all have projects that

hoped to salvage the toll road

deal, but government sources

said they were keen to scrap it.

behind schedule and that rela-

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may come under scrutiny.

on Pakistan to exercise restraint, "Both India and Pakistan risk becoming outcastes in the international community," he said.

In Delhi, the Lower House under the desert wastes of of India's parliament, Lok Sabha, adjourned in consternation when the news arrived. After an and a warning to India, whose emergency meeting the Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee, said India was "ready to meet Reaction to Pakistan's tests any challenge".

Soon after the announcespokesman said that Pakistan's ment of the tests - which did not action had caused "dismay" in give details of the types of de-Nato, as all the allies had called vices used - the Pakistani Prime Preparing for a period of aus-

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Last night, Kvaerner said it ter, Siti Harijanti Rukmana. legations of nepotism.

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Minister, Nawaz Sharif, went on terity, he announced that the national television to explain the government would sell off many decision. He said India's detonations of three weeks ago had "violently tilted the halance of power in the region," and that India's deployment of long-

range Prithvi missiles against Pakistan was a serious threat. The "lacklustre" response of the West to India's move had only served to embolden India. We will have sanctions, we will have difficulties," he went on, "but if you have the strength,

The news comes five days af-

The secretary-general of the

ter a £225m contract involving

Thames Water and Suharto's el-

dest son was suspended after al-

Ministry of Public Works,

Sunaryo Sumadji, said yesterday

that the government will "in-

tensify" their investigations into

companies with links to Suhar-

Contracts at risk, page 2

government offices and use the money to help the nation through the tough times ahead.

In a later news conference, Mr Sharif recewed an offer of a non-aggression pact with India "on the basis of a just settlemeot" of the countries' dispute over Kashmir.

President Clinton condemned Pakistan's decision as a lost opportunity: "We have no choice but to impose sanctions," he said last night. Treaty pressure, page 17

#### In brief

#### Rail strikes

RAIL workers voted overwhelmingly in favour of industrial action over pay and conditions yesterday. Strikes by members of the RMT union could start within two weeks and cause widespread disruption. Page 4

#### Hilfiger 'fakes'

TESCO was yesterday served with a writ accusing il of selling counterfeit Tommy Hilfiger goods. Page 5

Works have all but broken segment. We have reminded INSIDE GUIDE: WEATHER, P2 ◆ CROSSWORDS, P32 AND EYE, P26 ◆ TODAY'S TELEVISION, EYE, P28 ◆ FULL CONTENTS, P2

They claim that the project is source said yesterday. "The

ernment poised to cancel a tracts linked to family or friends down. The project is likely to be them many times, but relations

\$625m joint venture involving of the former President Suhar- scrutinised for evidence that it are not good."

when they think progress is possible but the steps aren't be-

CLARE SHORT last night issued a heartfelt plea for aid agencies to help her break the vicious cycle of aid appeals, like go forward." Sudan, which were diverting resources from long-term

development. She warned that people found endless humanitarian appeals "unbearable and they become depressed".

By Anthony Bevins

Political Editor

"The pictures come in, they flinch and turn away."

Her outspoken analysis provoked immediate denunciation from some aid agencies.

Ms Short, the Cabinet minister in charge of the Department for International Development, told a Londoo conference organised by Dispatches from Disaster Zones that overseas aid should target longer-term development problems, to strike at the heart of many disasters.

She said that the current crisis in Sudan - where an estimated 350,000 people are starving after decades of civil war - was the result of political breakdown, oot an act of God.

But she warned: "In receot years, there has been an increase sible for conflicts. These in humanitarian aid and a re- confrontations between humanduction of aid for development. itarians and development - we-

are just going round in an end- We have the same objectives." less cycle that never reaches a ion. The cycle is fantastically destructive."

While politicians and aid groups should be focusing oo the world's capacity for progress in areas like educational standards and fighting poverty, the public at large was developing compassion fatigue, Ms Short

"People get really aogry raising awareness."

ng takeo politically," she said.

Out of genuine compassion, we are trapped in a destructive cycle that is preventiog us mobilising the political will to

Ms Short urged aid agencies to talk to her about switching the emphasis of their work towards longer-term developmeot and improving public awareness.

"What I'd like to consider is that we cease to do those kinds of appeals. We could do positive advertising.

"I don't believe there is a lack of compassion among people, hut there is a deep despondency that is paralysing."

But Peter Walker, director of disaster policy for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Cresceot Societies. said last night: "It is a little hit like hlaming 999 crews because we have a lot of road accidents."

He described Ms Short's speech as "good analysis, wrong conclusion".

Alberto Navarro, director of the European Community Humanitarian Office, said: "Humanitarians aren't at all respoo-"If it is all humanitarian we are two sides of the same coin.

But he warned that Ms Short's speech could provoke a switch in emphasis to "trade not aid" - eocouraging poorer countries to develop their economies while limiting the supply of overseas aid.

"Unfortunately, in the present world, trade and aid are needed. Appeals are not only for raising money hut also for



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ers in the first half of 1997.

## Sex-claims report lambasts police force

Crime Correspondent

A POLICE FORCE whose chief constable was forced to resign following his handling of a sexual harassment case was severely criticised yesterday by government inspectors for its treatment of women officers.

In 1996 North Ynrkshire £100,000 to a female former detective, and £10,000 to a second woman officer. But a report yesterday said there was "little evidence of commitment" by the force to improve equal opportunities and also revealed that there were no women officers above the rank of inspector.

In one of the most damning reports in recent times by the Inspectorate of Constabulary, it said there was a "pressing need for urgent interim action" and an overhaul of the force's command structure.

The Chief Constable of the force, David Burke, resigned in January after disciplinary proceedings were brought against him - and then dropped - by the police authority.

The disciplinary case came after claims of sexual harassment were made by wnmen officers at Harrogate police station, Former Constable Libby Asburst alleged bizarre initiatino rites at the statinn. involving afficers being farced into dog kennels and male constables made to wear bulldog clips on their nipples.

Claiming sexual harassment by male colleagues, she accepted an undisclosed sum in an out-of-court settlement from the force in 1996 in return for dropping her claim. Some reports put the sum she received as high as £600,000, although the figure is thought to be about £150,000.

Another female officer based at Harrogate received an estimated £10.000.

In the report, which folreview of the farce's structure, apportunities officer.

in bring about "meaningful change to its organisational

It added: "Nowhere is this more required than in the area of equal opportunities, yet Her Majesty's Inspector was disappointed to find little evidence of commitment, let alone in-

In 1996 North Ynrkshire "Force personnel have little police paid nut more than or no confidence in established processes such as training and the grievance procedure.

There has been a significant" rise in the number of official complaints - 14 in the past nine months of last year - half of which involved "mappropriate or discriminatory behaviour", said the inspectors.

While about 13 per cent nf the force's officers were women, the vast majority of these were of lower rank

The absence of female nfficers above the rank of inspector was compared to a national average of about 4 per cent. The inspectors found that there were very few women detectives nr traffic nfficers in the 1,400strong force.

The inspectors also revealed that the part-time post of Equal Opportunities (EO) officer had been abolished and that EO training was suspended. A special board established to monitor equal apportunities within the force had not met for eight In response to the report,

David Kenwarthy, the new Chief Constable of North Yorkshire, promised to deliver a "more dynamic, open and accountable style of management tn build on the already impressive performance of the force". Mr Kenworthy added: "There are a lot of things that aren't being done properly - the grievance procedure is not being dane properly, people don't

Mr Kenworthy, who came to the force from Avon and Somerset police four months ago, lowed an inspection of the force said he was carrying out a review of management structure it called for a "root-and-branch" and would be hiring an equal



Hubert Neiss (left), International Monetary Fund director for Asia Pacific, mopping his brow in the heat following his meeting in Jakarta yesterday with the Muslim leader, Amien Rais (right); Mr Neiss said that Mr Rais was in favour of the IMF's economic reform plan for Indonesia Photograph: APP

## Investments at risk as British firms face costly fallout from upheaval in Indonesia

SOME of Britain's biggest companies were yesterday identified as having interests in Indonesia with links to former President Suharto or his cronies.

Projects worth hundreds of by teaming up with companies linked to the president's six children nr his closest friends hot now many of these are coming under scrutiny from the new government.

Thames Water has already had a £225m project to supply. water to half the population of Jakarta suspended and questions have been raised about the future security of PowerGen's role in a £1.065bn power station project in cast Java. . . .

Suhartn's eldest son, Sigit, controls a company which Thames had to gn into partnther of the former president's sons, Bambang.

were once advantageous but are as politics go," a spokesman said. in the Airbus A-330 planes flown company, and have been in-exposure was "virtually nil".

Once-vital links to the Suharto clan may now prove a liability for UK businesses. Steve Boggan and Mark Oliver report

Bambang controls a company

which has secured a five-year

now potentially disastrous. Acmillions of pounds were secured. cording to information compiled by the Indonesian human rights campaigners Tapol, there could be many more.

Rio Tinto is a shareholder in PT Precport Indonesia, which. runs a \$3bn copper and gold mining operation in Irian Jaya. Another Preeport shareholder is a company 80 per cent controlled by Suharto-controlled charitable foundations, with the remaining 20 per cent divided up between Suharto's son Sigit and his golfing partner.

Bob Hasan. The company said it had not deliberately allied itself to any nership with, while PowerGen's Suharto family or friends and was partner was part-owned by an- committed to long-term investment in the region without beare, and always have been, com-

BP owns 51 per cent of Indonesia's first polyethylene plant, PT Peni. Sigit owns 9 per cent of the company while

contract to supply the plant with half its ethylene requirements. BP said it was not concerned about the operation's links tn the Suhartn family. A spokesman described the deal as a normal commercial investment.

Rolls-Royce's agent in Indonesia is PT Mahasarana Bua-Rolls Royce engines are used in the Hawk aircraft and the N-25passenger planes manufactured by the state aircraft company IPTN, which was headed by BJ coming involved in politics. "We Habibie before he became pres-

by the state carrier, Garuda. Rolls confirmed that it was involved in the projects attributed. to it by Tapol, hut refused to confirm the identity of its agent. Taylor Woodrow is involved

in building a \$1.2bn light railway in east Java with GEC Alsthum and a third partner, the Bimantara Group, Tapol claims. Bimantara is controlled by

Last night, Taylor Woodrow said GEC Alsthum had signed a letter of intent with an Inna, a company owned by donesian company in October Subarto's youngest son, Tommy... 1996 and they had come on board a year ago. Neither company would confirm the Indonesian company was the Bimantara Group.

A Taylor Wnodrow spokesman said: "We are obviously ident. IPTN also services the aware of the political situation are not alone in having links that pletely and utterly neutral as for Rolls-Royce Trent engines used but we are a well established ue successfully but its corporate

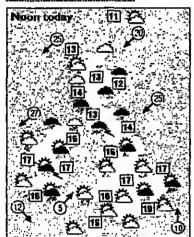
volved in Asia for 40 years."
The Bank of Scotland is investing £5.5m in a huge papermill project in south Sumatra. One of the other investors. with a 16 per cent stake, is PT: Trodden Satriaputra, which is owned by one of Subarto's daughters, Tutut.

The bank's annual report said its exposure in the entire -South-east Asia reginn amounted to nnly 0.17 per cent of its assets. A spokeswoman said the figure qunted by Tapol represented a commitment to lend over the next two years, only a fraction of which has been extended so far.

In 1994, United Biscuits launched a jnint venture with . the Salim Group to build and run a hiscuit factory in west Java. The Salim Group, which has a 50 per cent stake in the project, is owned by Liem Sice Linng. Suharto's closest friend.

The company said it was anxious to see the project contin-

#### WEATHER



Northern tretand will also be dult and wet with rain on and off until early evening. Heavy, thundery rain over morthern England will slowly clear, and Wales and the rest of England will have sunny spells and scattered sharp showers. The south and south-east will be warmer than recently and mostly dry.

Outlook for the next few days Mostly cloudy across Scotland through the weekend with rain, some heavy. Rain should ease and become more showery early need week, and the wind will die down. England, Wales and Northern treland will be mostly dry on Sahuday with warm sunshine and just a showers will move into the south-west overnight, spreading porthwards through the following two days

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INDIA is awaiting with some anxiety the arrival of the summer mansoon rains. For the past few weeks, the plains in the north of the country have been sweltering in dry, 45C heat and dozens of people have died. As water and electricity of snow onto the Himalayas supplies failed, the authorities have been roundly criticised for their failure to cope with the intemperate temperatures.

Fortunately, local meteorologists have predicted a normal monsoon this year, despite the meddling and disruptive influence of El Niño, which has India's summer rains can origthrown so much of the weather in the south-Asian region out of kilter.

The word monsoon is derived from the Arabic mausim, meaning "season". A monsoon is the large-scale seasonal reversal of the prevailing wind regime - usually involving a

change in the direction of the dominant airflow of at least. 120°, causing distinct dry and wet seasons.

The most extreme monsoons are experienced in a region stretching from the Sudan and Tanzania, across the Indian Ocean to southern Arabia. over the Indian sub-continent, the countries of South-east Asia and China's scaboard. Unlike the West African monsoon, which is limited to the tropical zone, the Asian monsoon can extend far to the north, dumping huge amounts and pushing even into the Tibetan plateau and Manchuria.

causes . nf monsoonshave been much debated, and include the north and south migrations of the jet streams over the tropics. The mnist air masses that lead to inate from as far away as the Mediterranean and even the Atlantic.

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But, to the farmers of India and Bangladesh, who look to the skies for their survival. the only question of any importance is when the rain will

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## Row grows over move to deny minimum wage to the young

THE plan to set a minimum wage at £3.60 looks set to cause a rift between government ministers, with some seeking to ensure fewer workers are covered. While the Department of Industry is minded to accept the Low Pay Commission's submission, hawks in the Treasury and Number 10 are concerned it could be inflationary and cause substantial unemploymeot among young people.

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The commission has proposed that those whn are 21 or older should be paid £3.60, that 18 to 21-year-olds should receive £3.20 and that there should be no minimum for 16 to 18-year-olds. Government advisers helieve lower rates could be extended to include all employees under 26, arguing that employers will be less enthusiastic about offering placements to participants in the New Deal programme if they have to pay the full rate.

News that some ministers might seek to limit coverage of the minimum will further eorage unioo leaders who yesterday rounded oo the whole principle of lower rates for younger workers. Juhn Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said the recommendation was likely to create social alienation and a "two-tier" system which would turn the under-21s into secondclass citizens.

However, Juhn Munks. TUC general secretary, said the figures were "a reasonable step in the right direction". Ken Jackson, of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said it constituted a key element in the Government's plan to reform the welfare system and



would encourage a high-wage,

British Industry regarded the

recommendations as "accept-

able" hut the right-wing Insti-

tute of Directors said they could

lead to joh losses in some in-

dustries and increased costs and create inflation in others.

Some husinessmen declared

their intention to switch from

older employees to under-21s.

very disappointed" with the

recommendation, since it meant

1 million young people would

Mr Edmonds said he was

The Confederation of

high-productivity economy.

'I will have to look for a place overseas and will probably need to lose 80 staff'

rector and chairman of a knitting firm in Leicester, a minimum wage of £3.60 is "another nail in the coffin" which will lead to job losses and force a week in wages.

him to take his business abroad. Mr Hall, who manages seas. I have already gone down unskilled workers and skilled covered. We have lost the marthat road once. I made con-workers," For example, if an un-ket in Europe," he said. Most

FOR Trevor Hall, managing di-nections and theo felt loyalty to skilled worker's hourly pay was of his UK competitors were althis country." But this time he would have no qualms. Mr Hall estimates that he

"This will not be incurred by Commando Knitwear, in South the lowest paid workers, but by Wigston, said: "I will go over- paying the differential between

set to increase by 60p, skilled workers would expect the same pay rise, said Mr Hall, who emwill have to pay an extra £2,000 ploys more than 100 people. "With the strong pound my

off somebody else."

export market has gone and my lead him to become an importer turnnver last year was down by and to look for a place overseas. half a million pounds.

"We have never fully re- about 80 of my staff," he said.

remain idle. I don't want to live children.

On top of her weekly pay,

Ms James also receives about

£47 a week in Family Credit.

She tries to keep her weekly

food bill below £30. Her gas and

electricity bills come to £10 each

ready having most of their stock made abroad, in countries like Romania, because it was so much cheaper.

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the recommendations would tair Hatchett, of Incomes Data increase business costs and peo-Services, believes the impact of ple's job prospects would be the such a rate un ufficial average "likely lung-term losers". David earnings figures could be less Chidgey, trade and industry than recent City boouses of spokesman for the Liberal De-£100,000 to £500,000. Some remocrats, said the commission gions will be affected more than others. While most Loodoo workers earn in excess of the recommended minimum, staff in the tourist industry at most resorts could see their pay rise a lot. The suggested rate compares with statutory floors ly women, in jobs such as shop in Belgium of £4.20, France Tim Boswell, shadow trade workers, hotel staff, security £3.75, Luxembourg £4.25 and

### Fury over 'elitist' plan to charge for TV football

By Janine Gibson Media Correspondent

THE Premier League has been warned it will disenfranchise fans and make supporting foorball clubs a privilege if it agrees plans to introduce pay-per-view games on Sky Televisinn next

The Football Supporters Association yesterday said it was 'appalled" by proposals being discussed today at the summer meeting of Premier League club chairmen.

At the meeting a working party will report on discussions with Sky about the various options for introducing pay-perview (PPV) matches which could lead to an extra 144 rames a season being hroadcast to those who can afford it.

A PPV trial scheme will be part of the development of Sky's digital satellite televisioo service, so consumers will have to pay around £200 for a set-top decoder box. A subscription to Sky's basic channels package, including its three sports channels. costs around £17.99 a mooth and Sky is expected to charge up to £10 for each PPV match. Fans are expected to voice

their anger at the PPV plans this weekend wheo the Football Supporters' Associatioo holds its annual conference. The association's vice-chairman, Shiela Spierf, has condemned the plan: "It is yet another example of the Premier League clubs disenfranchising fans.

"To be a supporter of a Premier League club is now a privilege of those of middle and high income. The Premier League is saying to fans: 'If you are lowincome, we don't want you'."

He added: "We are appalled at the total lack of consultation with any fans' organisations oo this matter."

Today's presentation is expected to suggest that four Premier League games could be moved from Saturday afterooons to a Sunday 1.30 pm kickoff next seasoo. Fans could then choose to order between three or four of these oo a PPV

Described as an "experiment", the scheme is expected to lead to all eight Saturday games moving to Sunday for the season of 1999-2000.

Financial projections suggest that PPV will generate gross revenues of £31.8m, with the clubs set to receive around £16m un top of the £160m they are already paid by Sky. Sky has exclusive rights to

broadcast PPV Premier League until 2001, but it must reach an agreement to begin the scheme next season so that it can convince consumers to pay out for the 200-plus channels on the new digital satellite service.

A limited PPV movies service, Sky Box Office, currently airs nn the existing satellite service with occasional "special event" PPV boxing nights. Next week, a Robbie Williams coocert will be broadcast live no Sky Box Office at a cost of £9.95 to viewers.

The chairman of Manchester United, Martin Edwards, backs the PPV plan. He said yesterday that he had conducted a telephone straw poll of the 20 Premier League chairmen and found most to be broadly in favour of introducing PPV

#### 'I work for nothing but I'm not the sort of person who wants to remain idle'

parent with three young chil- a national minimum wage of dren, is unimpressed with the £4.61 an hour. proposed statutory pay floor. She works as a catering assistant at the University of Wales, to borrow £1,000 to try to sur-Swansea, and regards her take vive. She is still paying off the and school hus fares cost

be excluded from the mini-

will be making a very large po-

litical mistake indeed, if it ac-

cepts that recommendation."

NICOLA JAMES will derive 20 bours' work, as "disgusting". oothing really," she said. "But petrol for her car, which she no benefit from the £3.60 an University ancillary workers. I'm not the sort of person to needs to get to work and for her hour minimum wage because are among the lowest paid that is already her hourly rate. members of Unison, the pub-Ms James, aged 32, a single lic service union, which wants

Last year, during the uni-

versity holidays, Ms James had

home pay of £68 per week, for loan at £14 a week. "I work for £11.50. She speeds £20 on

This is the second time within weeks that Mr Edmonds money, whatever your age." and some of his closest colleagues have clashed with officialdom. He has declared his intention to campaign against proposed laws oo union recognition which insist on a 40-percent vote in favour of collective bargaining before it is granted.

Cabinet sources last night privately revealed irritation at

what they believe is the oegamum wage. "The Government tivity of some of the larger unions, Bill Morris, leader of the Transport and General Workers' Union, also attacked the proposals: "If you do the same job, you should get the same

> Bharti Patel, of the Low Pay Unit, which has long campaigned for a statutory minimum, welcomed establishment of the principle but argued against lower rates for younger

The recommendations of

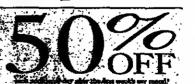
views of Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio, who let slip at the Labour conference in October that he favoured exemptions for 18-26 year-olds.

The commission, set up by the Government to advise on the wage threshold, has speot the past six months touring the country collecting evidence fur its report. Ministers yesterday acknowledged they had received the document but said it was too early for the Government to reach a conclusion.

the commission conflict with the and industry spokesman, said guards and care workers. Alas- the Netherlands £3.96.

had failed to consider regional variations. It would do nothing tn lift thousands of workers in the South-east nut of poverty. It was estimated yesterday that the £3.60 minimum would affect 1.5 million people, main-

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## **Strike Vote sets** stage for rail chaos

By Barrie Clement Labour Editor

A SUMMER of rail chaos loomed yesterday after maintenance workers voted for industrial action in a dispute over pay and conditions.

Strikes by members of the RMT union could start within a fortnight and cause widespread delays and cancellations. Yesterday it announced votes for action at seven out of eight maintenance companies and expects most workers at another six firms where results are due in a week to follow suit. The 10,000 employees work on signalling and tracks.

Figures yesterday showed 67 per cent of staff had opted for action. Representatives meet in London on 6 June to decide what form the action will take and when.

The union says restructuring deals on offer from the companies mean many members will be worse off. Bob Crow, the union's assistant general secretary, calculated that an employee on the hasic grade working 49 hours a week, including 10 hours' overtime, would be £40 worse off.

The companies are trying to reform the old British Rail systems, which meant staff were on low basic rates but with considerable and complex "addons". Yesterday Mr Crow called for immediate negotiations and some companies registered readiness to meet the nnion.

Current hasic rates vary from £166 to £220 a week for track workers, the union said. Negotiators for RMT have called for basic rates of £16,000 to £27,000, hetter leave and a four-hour cut to 35 a week.

The companies affected by yesterday's hallot results are AMEC Rail, AMEY Railways, GCRM, First Engineering. Centrae and three repair firms owned by the Balfour Beatty construction firm. They cover rail infrastructure in southern and south-west England, south Wales, the Midlands, East Auglia, and Scotland,



Abiy Ibrham, IO, a performer with Circus Ethlopia from Addis Ababa, showing off his unicycle skills at the show's venue on the South Bank in London yesterday; the popularity of the circus, whose artistes are aged 8 to 18, has led to an extra performance scheduled for Sunday

Photograph: Brian Harris

## Detective failed to meet Lawrence family for a year

By Kathy Marks

THE senior Scotland Yard detective who led the investigation into the murder of the black meeting," he said. teenager Stephen Lawrence admeet Stephen's parents until more than a year after he was killed.

Former detective superintendent Brian Weeden told the cept some of the hlame. public inquiry into Stephen's death that he made "consider-Doreen Lawrence after their son was stabbed by a white gang in Eltham, south-east London, in April 1993.

Mansfield, QC, counsel for the ing taken up," he said. "At the

the policy. For that premium,

in fact took place in May 1994, shortly hefore he retired. "Of course this was far too late to be as beneficial as an early

Cross-examined about the mitted yesterday that he did not breakdown in relations between police and the Lawrences in the first fortnight, Mr Weeden suggested that the family should ac-

He said he wrote a letter to them early on, requesting a able efforts" to see Neville and meeting, and sent verbal messages through two family liaison officers. He also invited them to visit the incident room.

"I was creating the oppor-But he agreed with Michael tunities, but they were not be-

It is a two-way process. It takes about the arrests did not get two to tango.

Told by Mr Mansfield that the Lawrences never received the letter, Mr Weeden replied: "Well, that's the first I've heard of it." Mr Weeden, who was in charge of the murder inquiry for

14 months, agreed that when he decided to arrest the five prime suspects, he made no arrangements for the family to be notified beforehand. But he said he believed that they were informed less than an hour after officers went to the suspects' homes.

Mr Mansfield told him that the Lawrences found out about five years later," he said. the development from television

to be a degree of co-operation. and news. "The message the investigation was obstructthrough to the family," he said. Later, questioned by

Michael Egan, counsel for the Police Federation, Mr Weeden he said, were "frankly ludisought to clarify his admission on Wednesday that he had not until recently understood the le- have been advanced, they will gal grounds on which suspects be seen as heing very, very could be arrested. He said that by the time he was interviewed for a Police Complaints Authority report last year, the barrage of criticism he had faced clusion. They all worked exover his failure to make swift arrests had left him confused. "In criminal law was far better than

Mr Weeden also denied that

ed by racism, or by a corrupt link between a police officer and the

father of one of the five suspects. The corruption allegations, crous". And he went on: "When one looks at the matters that

thin, if not transparent ... "My officers did everything they possibly could to see this case through to a successful contremely hard, and the fact that there was no successful prose-1993, the knowledge I had of the critical was not a consequence of a lack of commitment, but rather a lack of evidence."

The inquiry continues.

#### IN BRIEF

### Court allows 'Panorama' broadcast on GMC inquiry

THE General Medical Council yesterday failed in a Court of Appeal bid to delay the screening of a BBC Panorama programme linked to its biggest ever medical disciplinary inquiry.

Three judges indicated they were proposing to dismiss the case on the grounds they had no jurisdiction to intervene with the Panorama investigation into accusations against heart surgeons. The judges also intend to rule there were no valid grounds to postpone the broadcast of "Broken Hearts" until after the GMC's professional conduct committee had completed the inquiry. The committee is deciding whether allegations against consultants James Wisheart and Janardan Dhasmana, and Dr John Roylance, former chief executive of the United Bostol Healthcare NHS Trust, have been proved as fact.

### Two family services for Diana

THE two families of Diana, Princess of Wales, are to mark the first anniversary of her death with prayers - privately and separately. Her sons, Princes William and Harry, will be with the Queen, their father and grandfather at a private family prayer service at Crathie Church, Balmoral, Buckingham Palace

On the same day, August 31, Diana's hrother and sisters will hold a private memorial service 400 miles away on the banks of the lake at their ancestral home, Althorp.

### Pair held over child murders

A MAN and a woman accused of murdering three children were remanded in custody when they appeared before Brighton Magistrates' court yesterday. They are accused of murdering three boys, aged 18 months, five weeks and six weeks, who died on different dates at Brighton, East Sussex, between April 1994 and March 1997. The 35-year-old man and 24-yearold woman were remanded in custody until 4 June.

#### Man held over missing mother

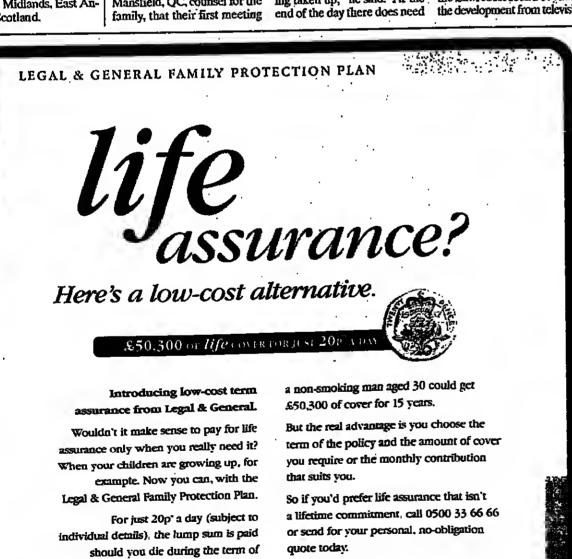
A MAN was arrested yesterday in connection with the disappearance of Marsha Wray, 38, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, who was last seen as she dropped her children at school in January 1997. A Harrogate man was arrested in the neighbouring town of Knaresborough yesterday morning, police said. He was being questioned yesterday at Harrogate police station.

#### Fall in lone-parent support

THE number of lone parents on Income Support has fallen below a million for the first time in five years, new figures showed yesterday. The number had risen from 770,000 in May 1990 to 1,022,000 in November 1996 - hnt fell to 982,000 in the year to November 1997.

#### 'Titanic' teddy fetches £11,000

A MOURNING Teddy, commissioned after the Titanic tragedy in 1912, fetched £10,925 at a Christie's auction in London yesterday. The bear was one of 12 black teddies, made by the German firm Steiff, displayed in shop windows after the sinking.



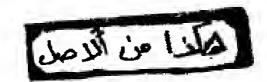
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By Glenda Cooper Consumer Affairs Correspondent

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IN THE latest twist in the war betweeo supermarkets and deday served with a writ accusing the stores of selliog fake Tommy Hilfiger goods.

The US sportswear fashioo business claims that some clothing oo sale in the supermarkets was the work of counterfeiters and has served a writ seeking damages and a High Court injunction to stop the stores selling allegedly fake products

But Tesco immediately reacted by saying that it "absolutely believes" that the garments on sale are geouine and accused Tommy Hilfiger of trying to "muddy the waters" over the issue of selling designer labels in supermarkets. It added that there "would not be any issue if brands like Tommy Hilfiger agreed to supply us

Undercover agents bought starting with the sale of cheap

sample goods from 25 Tesco stores at the time of the promotion which started on Easter weekend. The company said that clothing was sent to the signer labels, Tesco was yester- United States to be tested, A spokesman said that Tommy Hilfiger had carried out exhaustive "due diligence" studies to establish what was counterfeit, adding: "You do not go up against a company like Tesco without having done your

homework first." Tesco had bought the merchandise from unofficial sources - the so-called "grey market" - as part of drive to target designer labels which refuse to supply the chaio oo the grounds that their stores are not the right environment for expensive clothing.

The Hilfiger offer, available io 200 stores, is the latest in a series of high-profile attempts to sell leading brands at cheap-

Tesco has targeted several designer labels in this way.



Fashion designs from Tommy Hilfiger (above right) sent undercover agents to Tesco stores before issuing a writ

Levi jeans and followed by of- obout 25 per cent less than oth- whether the customer was becr British retailers.

A spokesman for Tommy

ing sold counterfeit goods.

"Tommy Hilliger is a globally re-Hilfiger said yesterday that the spected hrand and we owe it to issue was not about Tesco sell- all our consumers that whenever

chandise they can be sure it is to stamp out the trade io coungeouine," said Fred Gehring, chief executive of Tommy Hilfiger Europe.

"We are therefore deter-World Cup football shirts for ing its goods cheaply, but they huy Tommy Hilfiger mer-mined to take this legal action

Photographs: Chris Moore

The writ, which includes a claim for damages, calls for an from infringing trademarks and prices."

terfeit goods".



"passing off" clothing and accessories as having been made by Tommy Hilfiger.

The writ also calls for the supermarket chain to destroy all remaining allegedly couoterfeit Hilfiger-branded items in its possessioo and to ideotify "all persons and corporatioos" which had supplied it with the allegedly counterfeit goods.

John Gildersleeve, a director of Tesco, said that if there was ever doubt about the authenticity of its goods, it would withdraw them inmediately.

"We don't understand wby Tommy Hilliger has taken this actioo now. We have been seeling their products for over seveo weeks and have giveo them access to inspect the full range.

They have repeatedly refused to meet us to discuss supply issues. We can only believe that this is a move to muddy the waters over the real issue of selective distributioo - a system that hrands operate to restrict injunction to restrain Tesco supplies and maiotain high

## Army chaplain had a 'soldier's humour'

AN ARMY chaplain accused of vironment and people were troops without heing too faharassment and indecent assault making jokes like that all the was a "soldier's soldier" with an time and he was no exception." "earthy" sense of humour, a court martial heard today.

dall, 41, enjoyed hawdy jokes years of army service. with his colleagues who never

ing at Aldershot, Hants, Cap- very similar background. tain Joseph Strachan told the court: "The padre has got a very soldiers and to their families allegedly became "boisterous keeo sense of humour, a sol- that immediately puts them at and flirtatious" when she had dier's sense of humour, some- their ease. He is able to comtimes an earthy sense of municate quite complex ideas humour. But it is one people can in very simple language to some held boozy parties in the cellar relate to straight away.

"I have never spokeo to educated."

had been in Bosnia for three had delivered two years later. weeks and the padre asked me if I had any risqué photos of my across the religious message in in Celle, Germany, said he wife. I said 'No', and he asked terms that the simplest soldier me if I wanted any. I laughed could onderstand," he said. because it was funny. I have oever been asked anything like that by a padre before. It is a soldier's type of joke.

"We were in a very male en-

Capt Strachan said that Landall was the most effective mil-Padre Captain Richard Lan- itary padre he had known in 24 "I have never met anyone

took offence, the court martial who cared so much about the ordinary soldier or who could On the sixth day of the hear-" relate to them coming from a

people who are not always very

"As an example, I think we could remember sermons he

Sergeant David Harris, who

served with Landall, said: "I saw the padre as a soldier's soldier and as an approachable man

fers no Calvin Klein clothes.

of Umbro, it started selling of-

ficial Eogland and Scotland

On Wednesday, to the fury

Landall denies four counts of indecent assault on a soldier's wife as well as harassing Fusilier Sean Brazier, 26, and harassing his wife Shelly Brazier, 27, while they were stationed in Celle, Germany, between January and November 1997.

"He has a way of talking to indecently assaulted by Landall

bar of their home in Germany.

anyone who has ever taken of-fence at that sense of humour. a direct preacher and people ing kisses on his hald head, the court heard.

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## to serve on Arts Council panel

By David Lister

nation of the drama panel.

changes brought in by the oew Arts Council chairman, Gerry Robinson.

These changes involved a ing they will refuse to serve on lesser role for the expert panels the Arts Council's expert advisory and no guarantee that the panel's chair would be a member of the new Council. The Council The panel, led by West End hands out £400m in grant and

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they would boycott the Council. The list included producer Sir Cameron Mackintosh, director Sir Peter Hall, William Weston. general manager of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and the heads of most of the subsidised

Secretary of State for Culture, who appointed Gerry Robinson and has supported his reforms, saying: "We totally support the reasons for the drama panel resignations, and we would not wish to serve on any Arts Council of England panel whose Chair is not a full member of the Council."

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Sergeant Major John Charl-"He had a way of putting ton, who lived ocar the couple often had to go to their home to complain about the noise. On one occasion he saw the woman and her husband fighting out-

The hearing was adjourned who was familiar with the until tomorrow.

Drama as theatre heads refuse

Arts News Editor

SOME of the higgest names in British theatre have written to the Secretary of State for Culture saypanels in the wake of the resig-

producer Thelma Holt, resigned lottery cash to arts companies last week in protest against and venues in England. Yesterday more than 50 leading lights in British theatre said

companies in England. They wrote to Chris Smith.

> Mr Robinson, who is also chairman of Granada plc, defended his position yesterday, saying: "Panel chairmen will have the opportunity to attend and take part in Council discussion of substantive matters ... Direct access to Council will be at whatever regularity is necessary to ensure good and wellinformed governance."

But his assurances have failed to placate growing unease in the arts world. Lady Deborah Macmillan has resigned as chair of the dance advisory panel, and broadcaster Stephen Phillips has indicated he will resign as chairman of the touring panel.

## Blair tells Akihito he wants stronger ties

By Anthony Bevins Political Editor

THE STATE visit of Emperor Akihito and the Empress Michiko to Britain will strengthen the ties of friendship between the two countries, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

As the protests by former prisoners-of-war continued. Tony Blair told guests at No 10 for a lunch in honour of the Emperor and Empress that the visit would "lead to more and more friendships between the people of Japan and Britain, and to a still stronger relationship between our countries." Mr Blair's official spokesman said later that the nature of the media coverage of the visit, dwelling on the protests, should not be "confused" with the visit itself.

had always accepted that there

would be protests, and defended the right to protest, but, equally there was a British appreciation of the efforts the Japanese had made to apologise. The protests had ont hlighted the visit.

In his speech, Mr Blair said: "For some, the scars of the past go so deep they will never heal. We have to understand and appreciate this. My generation, in particular, has not forgotten what we owe to the generation that went before us. And we never will. "The British character is

very strong. It has a strong sense of history. We do not forget our past. But we also want to look forward in a spirit of reconciliation and to recognise the reality of our relationship today with modern Japan, which is one of strength and The Japanese government friendship for the future." Illustrating the changing

nature of the Anglo-Japanese relationship, the guest list for the Downing Street lunch deliberately excluded establishment figures to make way for people who exemplified bonds tween the two countries.

Mr Blair cited Michael McEleney and Simon Barnes, who last November travelled the length of Japan in wheelchairs to raise money for the International Spinal Research Trust; Heidi Potter and Sally Lewis, who taught English in Japan; and John Holland, whn led a team from International ·Rescue Corp to give help after the 1995 Kobe earthquake.

Mr Blair's spokesman said the Prime Minister expected to meet representatives of the prisoners-of-war within two weeks. But there seemed little chance of changing the official view that the question of compensation was closed.



Empress Michiko and Cherie Blair during the lunch at Downing Street yesterday

## 'Name and shame' plan to cut pub violence

By Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

VIOLENT pubs and clnhs could be "named and shamed" by the police in an attempt to drive down increasing numbers of alcohol-induced hrawls

Police in London are considering the move in response to a continuing growth in vio-lent crime which, they say, is now taking place mainly "behind closed doors", in homes

Violent crime in the capital rose by 6 per cent in the year to April 1998, with nearly 50,000 recorded incidents. It was also revealed yesterday that, overall, tential robbers know the pouce dropped, with hig reductions in wearing and where they are on burgiaries and car break-ins, but a given day. an increase in sex offences.

In an initiative that may be adopted natinuwide, one central London police station is drawhrewers a number of public houses which have a high number of violent incidents. The names may also be passed nn to the press - according to senior Scotland Yard officers - leadwould dissuade potential cus-

Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said this type of scheme was likely in become more commonplace when the forthcoming Criminal Justice Act obliges police and local authorities to include a crime reduction aspect into all decisions.

The Home Office's chief criminnlngist hlames a continuing national rise in the number of assaults, in part, nn the

Announcing this year's crime statistics for London, Sir Paul said there had been a 5 per cent drop in the past year to 778,279 offences - the lowest

There has also been a similar reduction in the number of muggings and bag-snatches, down to 32,500. Sir Paul attributed part of the success to a controversial new "in your face video" scheme, in which suspected and convicted muggers are openly filmed on the street by uniformed officers in an attempt to stop them

reoffending. A senior officer said the technique ensures that the pocrime in the capital has have evidence of what they are

The system, currently used at about 30 stations in the capital, has been criticised as heavyhanded, particularly if used in ing up plans to report to the racially sensitive areas, and could infringe the civil liberties of innocent bystanders.

Scotland Yard yesterday defended the tactic, which was first used in operations against football hooligans, arguing that it ing to adverse publicity that had helped cut mugging and nnly criminals would have anything to hide.

The number of burglaries recorded in London showed the biggest single drop - down 14 per cent in the past year to 135,000, from a peak of 195,000 in 1991-92. This follows the high-profile, proactive Bumblebee campaign. Car crime fell by 8 per cent to 157,000 offences, the lowest since 1980.

The nnly nther category of crime to rise - along with violence - was sex offences, which fact that more people can now afford to drink to excess. went up by 9 per cent in the past year to 7.654.

#### DAILY POEM

Old

By William Scammell

Old posts and joists, old timber, lumber, dumped and forgotten in long grass, burrowing slowly, going under, the glamorous nowhere of Atlantis

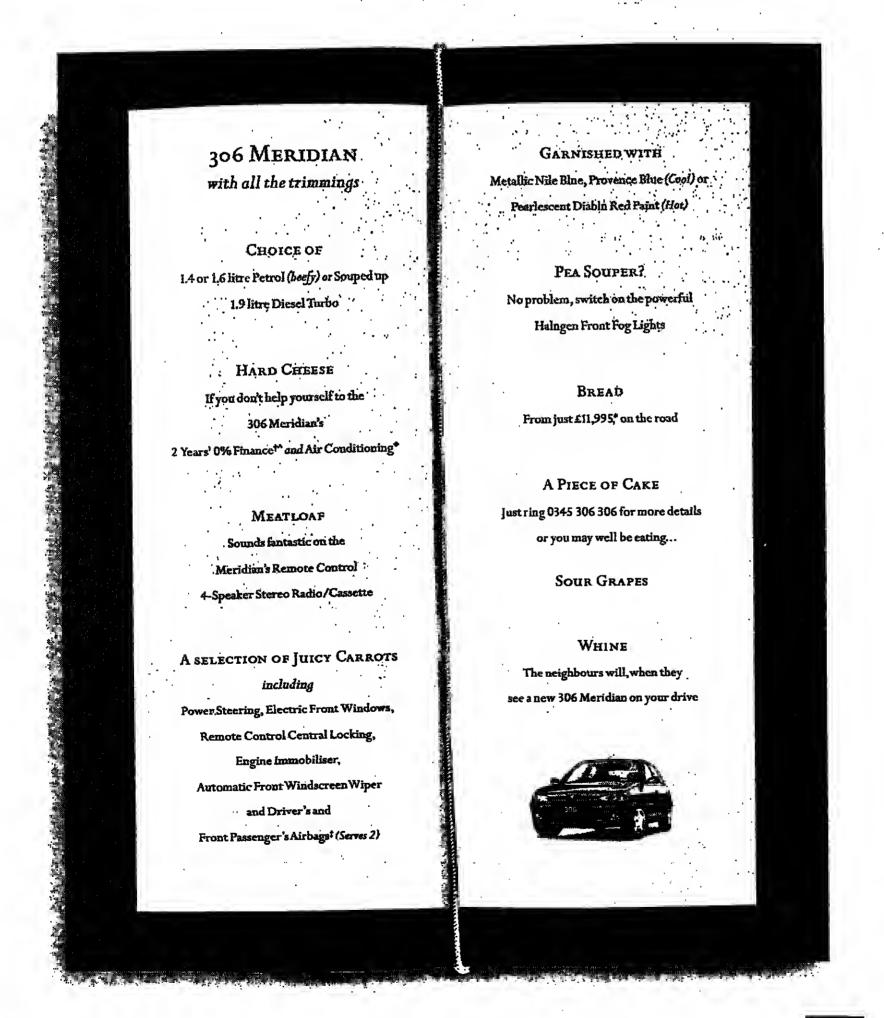
sunk like hayricks, or sandstone barns, the ork mouldering on Ararat, Noah brewing a can of worms, dead to the reign of the microchip.

The harrow's rusty and fast asleep: these tyres have seen a better day. Cradled in weeds, even the skip needs another skip to haul it away

Something waves a careless hand from the boundary, smothered in fems. One stone leans on another stone. It is better to marry than to burn.

This poem comes from William Scammell's latest collection, his ninth: All Set to Fall Off the Edge of the World. It is published by Flambard Press (price £6.95) at Stable Cottage, East Fourstones, Hexham NE 47 5DX.

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By Michael McCarthy **Environment Correspondent** 

fines of up to £500,000 for persistent pollution, so that their boards and shareholders sit up and take notice. Ed Gallagher, enicf executive of the Environment Agency, said yesterday.

In an outspoken attack on the environmental record of the ten biggest water firms, which he said was "appalling, and getting even worse," he criticised the small fines imposed on them for pollution offences, which this year average £4,300.

To companies with massive profits - this year likely to total £2bo - such sums were "small change", he said, adding: "Fines should run into six figures, with half a million pounds for the worst offenders."

Under the Water Resources powers to impose unlimited fines on polluters.

Mr Gallagher's broadside. in which he revealed that the companies have been found guilty of polluting rivers, streams and hathing waters on average once a week so far this year, came as they hegan unveiling their annual financial results, which are expected to show record profits and record dividend payments to shareholders.

So far this week Anglian Water has reported profits up from £249m to £274m and a dividend increase of 13 per cent; United Utilities, which includes North-West Water, has reported profits up from £444m to £461m and a 9.5-per-cent dividend increase; and South-West

£119m to £122m, and a dividend

increase of 11.5 per cent. The companies as a whole are expected to show a dividend

rease averaging 11 per cent. Last year the average household's annual water bill increased by ocarly 6 per cent to

But as profits, dividends and hills go up, so do the pollution

The Environment Agency, the principal pollution watchdog in England and Wales, has successfully prosecuted eight out of the ten water and sewerage companies in England and Wales for a total of 22 water pollution offences since January 1, and all teo companies have been found guilty by the courts in the past year.

"The rate of one prosecution a week is absolutely unacceptable," Mr Gallagher said, "The Act, 1991, Crown Courts have largest fine we have had so far was on the Severn Trent company in 1996, and that was

"Yet it was the equivalent of a person earning £30,000 a year being fined £15. It was for the company's 42nd offence, and I really believe it should have been £500,000, based on persistent pollution and the level of environmental damage done in that case."

Nearly all the incidents prosecuted this year related to illegal discharges of raw or partly treated sewage or sewage effluent into rivers, streams and bathing waters.

Poor operational management and maintenance were behind many of the incidents, the agency said, with pumping failures, sewer bursts and blockages Water reported profits up from of sewer overflows the cause in August Bank Holiday Monday with a fine of a lot more than large water companies, hit back and coastal waters than the ter UK said.



Pollution takes its toll of the local fish population in the river Derwent in Derbyshire

discharging over 1 million gallons of raw sewage into a Wey-

a number of cases. In a case 1997, the busiest day of the year. £5,000," Mr Gallagher said. heard on 7 May this year, Wes- The company-profits last year sex Water was found guilty of £130m - was fined £5,000 with £500 costs.

"That's pretty serious polmouth, Dorset, marina on lution and it should be punished

"That's peanuts."

Brian Duckworth, managing director of Severn Trent and chairman of Water UK, the trade association for the 10

at Mr Gallagher's charges last are to be regretted whatever the reason," he said. "But no one is actively doing more to im-

water companies." More than night, "All pollution incidents half the £21hn invested by the industry since privatisation in 1989 has been focused on improving sewage treatment and prove the quality of our rivers the sewerage system itself, Wa-

## Inquiry arrest of au-pair's lawyer

POLICE io the United States have ordered an investigation into the drink-driving arrest of one of Louise Woodward's defence lawyers amid a row over claims that she told police she now helieved the au pair was

Friends of the Woodward family from Elton, Cheshire, vesterday dismissed the allegations, said to be contained in a police sergeant's report on the arrest of Elaine Whitfield Sharp, 44, in Boston last Friday.

Ms Whitfield Sharp has denied "appalling" claims that she told the officer she was under pressure because she had come to believe that Ms Woodward. 20, was guilty of the manslaughter of Matthew Eappen.

Fresh claims about the UKborn lawyer's arrest were disclosed yesterday. The report by Sgt Randy Cipoletta is understood to say that Ms Whitfield Sharp was glassy-eyed, "belligerent" and "ahusive" when she was stopped in her Alfa Romeo in the suburb of Lynn.

The report says that at the police station she refused a hreath test and lowered herself to the floor, thrashing her arms about. She is alleged to have told the police of Woodward: "I thought she was innocent hut now I know she is guilty and I can't handle it."

The report claims that when two medics arrived to take her to hospital because of her condition she threatened them and hit one of them in the amhu-

But Ms Whitfield Sharp said at her home in Marbiehead, outside Boston, where Woodward has been staying since her trial, that she had suffered a seizure at the police station because of medication she had taken for her meningitis, caused by an old brain injury.

Woodward is awaiting result of a Supreme Court appeal

## TV watchdog fails to clarify code for portrayal of gay sex

Media Correspondent

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1.0 المتناف بالمناسي BROADCASTERS who have been lobbying for new guidelines on the portrayal of gay sex on television are expected to be disappointed next week when a new code is published.

Commission, the television final draft of the code, which as mosexual sex on screen. A sexual behaviour. For example, new code on taste and decency in television next week and had considered a new clause to state to viewers that the portrayal of gay sex on screen is not grounds for complaint on its own.

The Broadcasting Standards to have rejected the clause in its on the representation of ho- have been made about betero- Standards of taste and decen- of explicitness on the sex por- until it is published next week. she is freed or sent back to jail.

who wish to make a complaint also acts as guidance for all the UK's broadcasters over what they may broadcast.

Broadcasters had asked the BSC to include the clause to But the BSC is understood clarify the watchdog's position complaints that would never more offensive than straight sex. to base its rulings on the degree

construction of the code said yesterday; "It was suggested that such a clause be inserted, because we thought the code should include a positive state-

watchdog, is due to publish a well as providing for viewers hroadcaster involved in the if The Bill features a female rape, nobody bothers, but if it's

> a male rape, people complain." Peter Tatchell, spokesman for the gay rights group Out-Rage!, said: "The BSC apparment. We have to deal with ently believes that gay sex is The BSC has tended in the past

cy should apply equally without discrimination."

The portrayal of any gay activity on screen, however chaste, tends to attract a certain level of complaints on taste and decency grounds from viewers.

trayed rather than the sex of the participants. The BSC, which is chaired by

Lady Howe, yesterday published a report criticising Channel 4's TV Dinners for showing a family eating a human placenta. A spokeswoman refused to comment on the contents of the code | hearing that will decide whether

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## Alternative medicine comes in from the cold

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

FRANK DOBSON, the Health Secretary, called yesterday for "rigorous standards" to be applied to the practice of alternative medicine te ensure it is effective and safe.

Mr Dobson, who was speaking at a conference aimed at breaking down the barriers between orthodox and alternative medicine organised at the instigation of the Prince of Wales, said patients wanted treatment that was dependable, whoever was providing it. Although orthodox medicine had transformed the lives of millions of people, it was not suitable for everyone or every condition.

"It is clear that some people with some conditions do not respond to even the most modern orthodox treatment. It's also clear that some of these people can be and are being helped by forms of complementary and alternative medicine." he said.

Mr Dobson announced a grant of £25,000 to the University of Exeter to help improve self-regulation by alternative medicine organisations. "More being applied both to therapeutic practices and to the practitionand proper. The same rigorous standards must be applied right across the board," he said.

Medical experts who addressed the conference said that



and more rigorous standards are Visitors at the Mind, Body and Spirit International Festival, in London, yesterday test the Accupressure Eye Massager

remember that orthodox medicine was frequently unscientific individuals could make to their and had the potential to do more own well-being, while alternative harm than good.

The Prince of Wales, who

ers themselves. That's only right medicine as witchcraft ought to conventional doctors needed to understand the contribution practitioners had to recognise the power of rigorous research. critics who dismissed alternative opeoed the conference, said He said: "I hope we shall see an

into the safety and effectiveness of alternative therapies ... but also into what people want from their bealthcare and why they turn to less conventional care."

tegrated Medicine, set up at the suggestion of the Prince last year, to bring the worlds of orthodox and alternative medicine cliffe Hospital, Oxford, told the closer together. Experts in conventional medicine said yes-

increase in research, not only ised by the Foundation of In- terday that the two worlds were oot so far apart.

John Bell, professor of clinical medicine at the John Radconference: "Orthodox medicine is often held up as a mod-

el of how things work. In fact it

is far from perfect science." Most diseases were defined by their appearance, not their causes, many drugs were discovered by accident, not design, much treatment was based on

anecdotal evidence, not systematic review, and the role of psychological and social factors was still little understood.

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"As physicians, when we don't know what is going on, we make it up," he said.

Herbal preparations which had been around for thousands of years were still being "discovered" by conventional medicine. One example was artesinate, used in China for millennia but only now being adopted by medical scientists as the only effective remedy for severe drug-resistant malaria.

Professor Bell said conventional doctors were also switching focus from the disease to the individual who had it and through whom it could be expressed in different ways - something already familiar to alternative practitioners. "We need to know what kind of patient has the disease rather than what kind of disease the patient has."

Iain Chalmers, director of the Cochrane Centre which monitors medical research, said critics of alternative medicine who claimed its mechanisms were not understood and it had the potential to cause more harm than good were guilty of applying double standards. "Who knows how aspirin relieves a headache or ECT (electro-convulsive therapy) eases depression? Orthodox medicine has far greater potential for harm because of its more powerful chemical and biological effects and hecause it is more widely distributed."





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## 61 believe the body tells us what it needs ?

AS A former nurse, Susan Pembrey knew what to expect when her breast cancer was diagnosed four years ago. She was happy to accept most of the conventional treatment she was offered, but she also wanted something more, writes Jeremy Laurance.

"At one level the whole experience (of conventional medicine] was excellent. I felt safe and well cared for and the staff were competent and kind. But I believe the seeds of ill-health lie within each of us and that the body tells us what it needs. In both intuition and rationality."

She had a partial mastectomy followed by radiotherapy and she sought in alternative FOR: SUSAN PEMBREY, icance as talismans against the **BREAST CANCER** PATIENT

therapy something to assist and streogtheo her body to withstand this assault. Being able to choose what treatment she would have gave her a measure of cootrol over her illness.

Within 24 hours of her diagnosis, she developed flu and a friend gave her a homocopathic remedy. "It was truly miraculous. I felt hetter in · hours." She was later prescribed

assault," she said. Later she was prescribed hy-

pericum and a healer helped cure some residual nerve damage in her ann. She also made "radical changes" to her diet, excluding milk, because it encourages the build-up of mucus. She had a long term interest in nutrition, and had practised Tai chi and dancing for many years, but she took a new pleasure in ensuring that she was well oourished.

Speaking at the conference, Ms Pembrey urged doctors to take greater account of the my treatment I was looking for | arnica to prevent bruising as- individual needs of their patients sociated with the surgery and and to recognise that good other remedies to help her judgement involves a combinacope with the radiotherapy. tion of hard scientific evidence.
"All these were of great signif- allied with human sensitivity.

## Time is too precious to waste on twaddle

CAROLINE RICHMOND has lived for over three years with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. a slow-growing cancer, and expects to survive another decade if she is lucky. Although she bas tried alternative therapies in the

past she has no intention of doing so now. "I was 53 when I was diag-

nosed. I will probably die in my mid-sixties. That is a hit on the early side hut not excessively so." She adds: "In the past friends have given me homoeopathic medicines and Bach flower remedies but I consider them total twaddle. They contain minute amounts

"Now that my days are numbered I feel that the time left to difference."

**AGAINST: CAROLINE** RICHMOND.

LYMPHOMA PATIENT

me is far too precious to waste on twaddle," Ten years ago, while suffer-

ing from an episode of ankylosing spondylitis, a rheumatic disease, she met an acupuncturist at a party who invited her to come for treatment. She went out of curiosity.

"He was an extremely nice man and I have a lot of respect for him. But my rheumatologist had told me I should get better in six months and I have no evidence that having the pins stuck in mc made any

"In voodoo you pay someone to stick pins in an effigy of your enemy. In acupuncture you pay someone to stick pins in

you. It is a very odd thing to do." She believes it did, however, help her cope with the pain. The very act of inviting someone to stick needles in you is part of mentally preparing to deal with the pain. I was in tremendous pain and I learnt to meotally stand aside from it. Paying to have needles stuck in you may be a part of learning that strategy."

For her lymphoma, she has had six months of intermittent chemotherapy to shrink the tumours and will have more as necessary. But she has finished with alternative medicine.

## Ketchup cuts risk of cancer

By Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

KETCHUP, tomato soup and tomato purée may help cut the risk of cancer and heart disease,

doctors heard yesterday. Research has shown that lycopene - a natural pigment that gives tomatoes their red colour and is found in high concentrations in processed prod-

- is good for your health. Medical experts from Britain and the US met at the Royal Society of Medicine in London yesterday for a one-day seminar to review two major studies which suggest that a lycopene-rich diet can reduce the risk of heart

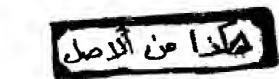
disease and prostate cancer. A six-year study of 48,000 male health professionals, con-

dueted by Harvard Medical tomato sauce followed by School in 1995, found that consuming tomato products more than twice a week, as opposed to never, was associated with a reduced risk of prostate cancer of up to 34 per cent.

Of the tomato-based products, the link was greatest for

canned tomatoes and pizza. Processed tomatoes contain much higher concentrations of lycopene than fresh tomatoes, with 2.5 times more lycopene absorbed into the body from tomato paste compared with... fresh tomatoes.





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## Councils failed to check on childcare

By Roger Dobson

FOUR councils in north Wales where childcare has been at the centre of various abuse inquires for more than seven years have been criticised by the Welsh Office for failing to inspect child minders.

Under the Children Act, drawn up to protect and safeguard young people, councils have a statutory duty to inspect, at least once a year, carers who look after young children to make sure they are doing the job properly.

The Welsh Office found, however, that eight out of the 22 social services departments in the principality had not inspected a total of more than 1,000 registered child minders and they have been asked to explain their failure to do so.

"We have been very disturbed by the results from our first monitoring of inspections in day care for under-eights," says a report to councils from the Welsh Office Social Services Inspectorate, "The chief inspector of social services in Wales has reminded the authorities of the statutory duties under the Children Act and expressed the department's concern at the large-scale failure of these authorities to discharge their duties in this important area of safeguards for children."

In north Wales, four of the local authorities failed to inspect some 250 minders at a time that the North Wales Child Abuse Tribunal was being set up to investigate widespread allegations of abuse by carers.

In his closing speech to the tribunal, Merfyn Hughes, QC. representing all the couocils io oorth Wales, reassured the

house, that the new authorities recognised the weaknesses of the past. "Now, having listened to the allegations of abuse of the childreo in care, they are renewed in their determination to ensure that never again will there be such evidence of failures to protect children on the scale which has been placed be-

fore you," he said. But the Social Services Inspectorate report reveals that in the year 1996-97 - which covered the opening period of the inquiry - four of the councils in the area that had been Clwyd and Gwynedd before local government reorganisation were not carrying out their statutory responsibilities to protect children by inspecting child mioders.

The report shows that Gwynedd council inspected ooly 25 out of 156 minders; the Isle of Anglesey, 25 out of 88; Wrexham, 40 out of 89; and Denbighshire, 42 out of 78.

In south Wales, Swansea failed to inspect any of its 249 registered child minders during the year, while Cardiff managed to look at only 101 out of 647. Hugh Gardner, secretary of

the Association of Directors of Social Services in Wales, said yesterday: "Clearly it is an important duty and is something we will be looking at urgently to ensure we fulfil our statutory duties. There is a statutory duty to inspect under the Childreo Act and what has happened is that there waso't adequate resources for implemeotation of the Act."

Pat Davies, an early years specialist with the Children in Wales organisation, said: "One of the keys to quality is regular inspection and support and it is very chairman, Sir Ronald Water- worrying it is not happening."



Warhol scene arrives in town

wore someplace anymore; it was the whole reason for going," said the late Andy Warliol, writes David Lister. Yesterday an exhibitioo oo The Warhol Look opeoed at the Barbican Centre in London. Running until August as part of a year long celebration of American culture, the exhiencompasses paintings, cloth-

"FASHION wasn't what you ing, photographs and reconstructed window displays to give an insight into Warhol's life and work, and the New York social scene from the 1950s to 1980s.

On Saturday 4 July the Barhican will re-create Warhol's famous Factory, where his paintings and other works were worked oo by the artist and his hition, drawn from The Andy staff. The re-creation will include Warhol Museum's vast collection, a screen-printing workshop comstaff. The re-creation will include plete with drag artists.









**Exhibits from** the Andy Warhol show which runs at the Barbican Centre in London until August (clockwise from top left): Mick Jagger, 1972; self-portrait, 1981; Marilyn dress by Versace, 1991; Banana dress. 1966; Shoes, 1980; Liz, 1965 Flowers, 1964





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## Heads call for reform of teachers' pay system

Education Correspondent

TEACHERS should be given performance-related pay rises based on annual assessments of their work in the classroom, the head teachers' leader proposed

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, told heads meeting in Eastbourne that they should assess teachers individually before awarding pay increases above the current maximum of £23,000 a year. He said moving to such a system was the only way of persuading ministers to fund substantial ris-

Mr Hart told the union's annual conference: "Classroom teachers should only move further up the grade to a maximum of £31,000 if the head certifies each year that they have demonstrated sustained fully acceptable teaching skills during the year.

"I believe that this type of performance judgement would be infinitely preferable to crude performance-related pay approaches which the profession rightly rejects. It is a price worth paying for a salary structure which would attract good honours graduates. It will reward properly a majority of the profession, not just a tiny minority."

Mr Hart said that heads should consider teachers' classroom performance, success at maintaining discipline and other aspects of their work, as well as the exam results their pupils

He said salaries of up to £40,000 should be available for teachers with the greatest responsibilities.

O'Kane, deputy general secretary of the second largest teaching union, the NAS/UWT, said "We recognise there will come a stage where employers might say in order to progress further along the pay grade we have to be satisfied that teachers are performing satisfactorily.

We accept that in return for a reasonable pay scale there might have to be a review of

At present, classroom teachers get pay increases for every year of service up to a £23,000 ceiling. Further rises are based on staff taking on additional responsibilities although heads have limited discretion to make pay awards based on merit.

Mr Hart said £3.1bn needed to he injected into schools before the next election to cover the new pay structure, fund an expansion in the number of computers in schools and pay for better special-needs education.

He said "The decline in spending over the last five years has to be reversed. Settlements which short-change schools on pay and inflation can no longer

Head teachers also demanded yesterday that David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, should "take on" the Church of England and stop insisting on daily prayers in school.

Mr Hart said it was hypocritical to place a legal obligation on schools to hold a daily act of collective worship. He said the law was "an ass" and he would be seeking a ministerial review of the issue.

An estimated 70 per cent of non-denominational secondary schools and 10 per cent of ari-mary schools break the law by Teachers' leaders accepted failing to hold an act of worship the idea in principle. Earnonn for their pupils every day



Debbie Harry and the Jazz Passengers rehearsing for last night's performance at the Barbican. Below: Blondie in their heyday Main photograph: Peter Macdiannid

## Blondie legend swings back into vogue

By Linus Gregoriadis

DEBBIE HARRY, the face of the Seventies pop group Blondie, sang for a jazz band at the Barbican in London last night after confirming that her pop comeback plans were in full swing.

Bloodie, who split up nearly two decades ago after a succession of smash hits in Britain including "Hanging on the Telephone" and "Heart of Glass". have been working on a new album and are also planning a world tour. Ms Harry, 53, who has been touring

Britain this week with the Jazz Passengers, said she was chained about resurrecting her Blondie career. She said: "I think it's terrific. I think it's really great music. It's just seemed to work out that way. It's just fortunate I suppose."

The group, who are preparing the ironically-titled allum No Exit for release this autumn, first hit the limelight in1976 and have sold more than 40 mil-



shot at being the latest and the hottest

Ms Harry admitted it would be pop star," adding: "It's flattering that hard to recreate her former glories when even they should remember Blondie." her platinum blonde hair belped to make her a sex symbol.

The singer, who has reunited with other band members Clem Burke, Jim-She said: "I'm not going to make any my Destri and her former boyfriend as wealthy as their faine warranted.

seemed like an impossible prospect. She said: "I think there was probably a time in about 1985 or 86 when I thought I would just never ever have to think about those songs, but musically I think that I love them." Blondie are following in the footsteps

Chris Stein, said that a reunion had once

of pop icons like the Sex Pistols, the Eagles and Robert Plant who have all tried to recapture their former success.

Members of the hand planned to make their new album with EMI, but changed to another label because they wanted to record new tracks rather than just re-release meir old nits.

The popularity of songs such as "Heart Of Glass" and "Atomic" in nightclubs has already sparked a Blondic revival in this country. Chris Stein is behind the revival.

Unfavourable record contracts in the past meant that the group never became

## Sir Elton honoured for Diana tribute

By David Lister Arts News Editor

SIR ELTON John was honoured by the music industry for his Diana, Princess of Wales trihute song "Candle In The Wind 1997"-the biggest-selling single of all time.

He was presented with a Silver Ivor trophy along with his cowriter, the lyricist Bernie Taupin at the Ivor Novello awards yesterday. Sir Tim Rice, president of the British Academy of Songwriters Composers & Authors, handed over the award at the Grosvenor House hotel in London.

Radiohead scooped two of the top prizes. The band won the Best Contemporary Song prize for "Karma Police" at the country's leading awards ceremony for songwriting and composition. Its hit single "Paranoid Android" also won as Best Song Musically & Lyrically.

Picture of You", the song co-written for the film Bean by Boyzone's Ronan Keating, was awarded Best Original Song for a Film or Broadcast.

Other winners included the film Romeo and Juliet, which was judged the Best Original Film Score and Olive's "You're Not Alone" being voted the Best Dance Music.

Sharleen Spiteri and John McElbone, of the Scottish band Texas, were commended for the Best Song Collection, Morrissey was presented with the Outstanding Contribution to British Music award and Richard Ashcroft of Verve was Songwriter of the Year.

The International Achievement award was won by Enya, Nicky Ryan and Roma Ryan. singer Sting's "I'll Be Missing You (Every Breath You Take)", performed by Puffdaddy, topped the poll for the Most Performed Work prize.

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By David Lister



'Fundamentally flawed': how Britain's senior European Commissioner describes the Conservative leader's opposition to Europe

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Political Correspondent

SIR Leon Brittan confronted his party leader head-on over Europe last night, elaiming William Hague's opposition to the European Union was "fundamentally flawed".

In a speech at the Carlton Club in London, Britain's senior European Commissioner said criticism of the EU by the Conservative leader last week did not stand scrutiny.

"Let us not be sidelined by a shrill and emotional reaction to economic and monetary union. It is both a logical extension of the single market in that is out of date, but the per-Europe and a natural complement to everything the Conservative party has stood for in the last two decades," he said.

In Fontainebleau last week, Mr Hague said the EU was a 50 year-old solution to post-war problems which was not necessarily applicable to the future. It had been set up for six member states and its structures might not be suitable for further Sir Leon Brittan: EMU is 'great for Conservative policies' Photograph: PA enlargement

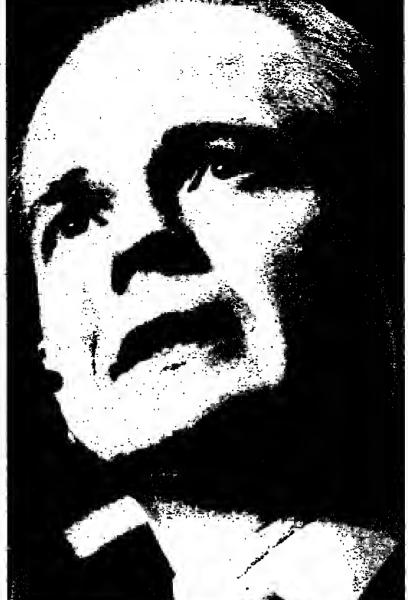
delivering the RA Butler Lec-mined to turn its back on its own greatest achievement?" he ture, accused Mr Hague of characterising the EU as "cor-Last night a Conservative poratist, state-centred and highspending". His party leader's spokesman said the speech was

made in Sir Leon's official caview seemed to assume that pacity as vice-president of the member states were to be European Commission, and forced into a strait-jacket causing serious social unrest, he said. not as a party member. Mr "I strongly believe that the Hague would not be respondcharacterisation of the Euroing, he added. "As a member of the Compean Union in these terms is a fundamentally flawed anachro- mission he is politically neutral nism itself. In many ways, and is not supposed to be biased William Hague is applying a towards any party. He is defin-

1980s' vision to a simplified car- ing policy as the Commission

would expect him to do," he said. The spat is likely to continue next week when Mr Hague addresses a meeting in London pening in Europe today," he of leading businessmen oposed to European economic and monetary union.

More than 100 senior figures export of Conscrvative eco- from the world of business and nomic policies such as fiscal commerce will be at the launch of an 80-page critique rejecting the single currency on economic terms. Mr Hague intends to put the political arguments against British mem-bership of EMU.



William Hague: 'a 1980s' vision' of EU Photograph: Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

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Michael Cashman: Hopes

### Actor set to take the political stage

By Fran Abrams

THE former EastEnders' soap star Michael Cashman is turning his back on the luvvies for Labour. The actor, presumably ured of the jostling of egos in his first profession, has decided to become a full-time politician.

Mr Cashmao has made dual applications to become a Euro-MP and to sit on Labour's National Executive Committee. If he wins both he is likely to have to give up the NEC seat because it is reserved for ordinary members.

Rumours that his candidacy had been backed by the Labour leadership have been denied. Officials at Millbank Tower, the party's headquarters, said there would be no official state in the NEC election.

Bizarrely, neither of Mr Cashman's applications meotion his most valuable asset - his tong-term tenure of a flat in Albert Square. His nomination paper for a

place on the London candidates' list for oext year's Euroelections discloses that he joined Labour in 1976 and that he set up a "celebrity unit" which dispatched well-known figures to key seats during the 1997 election campaign. Under "other life experi-

ence" he describes himself as "trade unionist and deputy (shop steward) since 1967. Elected council member of Equity 1994-98." Mr Cashman also lists a number of television and radin appearances including BBC2's Newsmitht, Radio 4's PM programme, BBC1's Question Time and local railio. "The reason I joined this

party 22 years ago remains the same: we can make Britain and the world a better place for everyone. That is why I want to represent you. But we must be realistic about the changes that an MEP can effect. Wild promises count for nothing," he

## Straw halts voyeurs' strip search law

Political Editor

MPs and peers.

The Joint Commons and able at any one time." Lords Committee on Statutory The committee was not sat-Instruments - which vets rules and regulations pumped out by the Whitehall machine pointed out the problem in a memo to the Home Office.

Questioning new rules for escorts accompanying young offenders from court to secure training centres, it said: "No provision is included prohibiting an offender from being stripped and searched in the sight or presence of an officer who is not of the same sex as the offeoder."

Even then, Home Office insensitivity was so great that alarm bells did not riog. Officials defeoded the rules as they stood - and the possibility of girls aged 12 to 16 heing stripped and searched by a woman escort with male escorts witnessing the process.

A Prison Service spokesman said yesterday that officers of the opposite sex were not allowed to watch adult prisoners being strip-searched.

Replying to the committee on 31 March, the Home Office said: "It is considered essential to provide that a search may only ficers are present. This is for the - are changed."

protection of both the offender and the officers concerned.

Wherever possible, only of-A NEW law allowing men to ficers of the same sex as the ofwatch girl offenders as young as fender will be present." But it then added: "The contract for the provision of escorts requires only one person of the same sex The Home Office blunder as the offender to be available was first spotted in March by a for escort duties ... as there will parliamentary committee of not necessarily be more than one female custody officer avail-

isfied, so it took the unusual step of asking Home Office officials to attend for oral questioning.

According to a report publisted by the committee yeslerday. Hilary Jackson, head of the Home Office Juvenile Offenders Unit, told the committee on 28 April: "We have now looked at this again in the light of the concern and the Home Secretary ... has agreed and decided that we ought to change the rules to make certain that there will always be two custody officers ... of the same sex.

"The Home Secretary has agreed and does think that it is important that is made clear in the rules."

Andrew Bennett, Labour MP for Denton and Reddish. then pointed out that the regulations had come into force on 15 April, hut he was told by Teresa Burnhams, the Home Office official in charge of the secure training centre project that the escort contractors "have no intention of using other than the same sex to do the searching. They have given us an absolute guarantee that take place when at least two of- will be the case until the rules

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IMF quibbling brings Russia's financial crisis to boiling point and hands weapon to President's foes. Phil Reeves in Moscow reports

## Yeltsin scrambles to rescue rouble

RUSSIA still faced the spectre of a full-blown rouble crisis last night as its panic-prone markets waited fretfully to find out whether the outside world will help Boris Yeltsin in his mission to defend the battered

The President yesterday sought to head off turmoil by appearing on television with assurances that Russia had enough reserves to avoid financial collapse, and to announce olans to crack down on corporate tax dodgers by confiscating their assets.

But one of his officials, Deputy Finance Minister Oleg Vyugin, made I clear that the country was still on he brink, and could need a large new oan from the International Moneary Fund. Although Russian shares ose sharply and the rouble strengthned - both bouyed by the tripling of interest rates to 150 per cent - it vas clear the crisis had eased but not

Russia is the victim of a combination of bad luck, its own incomiovict system, and - unexpectedly nternational Monetary Fund polind the melt-down in Asia are exernal factors beyond its control, but et and confidence in the economy.

The dismal record of tax collecesponsibility. Mr Yeltsin's abrupt deision to sack the government of iktor Chernumyrdin in March, :placing his prime minister with an nknown 35-year-old, also rattled inestor confidence, and must - until is protégé proves otherwise - be ialked up as an own goal.

Less blame can be attached to Mr eltsin and his team for the historal hurden on the public purse of illions whose jobs are no longer om free housing to kindergartens.

e transition to a market economy.

For days, the panic-stricken markets have been waiting to find out whether the IMF would approve the next \$670m (£410m) tranche of a \$9.2bn loan to Moscow. Instead of doing so, the fund has chosen to quibble with the new government over its fiscal policy. The Prime Minister. Sergei Kiriyenko, wants to concentrate on cotting expenditure. The IMF favours trying to collect more taxes. In more stable circumstances, hageling with debtors over economic policy is part of the fund's duty. But now was not the time. When the markets needed to be reassured most, the fund has prevaricated, deepening the mood of panic and bringing the rouble under increasing pressure.

"If the currency goes down, then the IMF is completely culpable," said Al Breach, of the Russian European Centre for Economic Policy. "Both sides agreed on the need to cut the budget deficit. Is it the IMF's job to tell the Russians how to do it? retence, the stifling legacy of the Isn't that the job of sovereign government?

In doing so, the IMF was taking ies. The plunge in world oil prices a considerable gamble. If the rouble eventually collapses, or is devalued, Russia's reforms will be in tatters. oth have been damaging to the bud- . Unable to raise money by borrowing, the government would be forced to print cash. With that and soaring ion is ultimately the government's shop prices (about half Russia's consumer goods are imported), multiple-digit inflation would loom again, reviving memories of the early 1990s when millions of Russians saw their savings vaporise overnight. Mr Yeltsin's principle economic achievements - stabilising the cur-rency and bringing inflation under control - would be in ashes.

There would also be a political price tag. Russia's 147 million population is famously long-suffering, but able but who still receive the perks there are signs that public protests are the Communist welfare system, now hardening and becoming more effective. Thousands of coal miners the force who helped winkle But there is another player whose Mikhail Gorbachev from power - to blame others for his govern- remain in his favour: there is no sin Debed - both nationalist-leaning. le has helped bring the crisis to a demonstrated their industrial muscle ment's mistakes. Past performances gle, organised powerful opposition leaders tipped as future presidents olling point: the IMF, the very body this month by blocking rail lines reveal that he is ready to sacrifice targed by Western nations with of- across the country, severing the reform-minded ministers and stitutionally weak, and the victims of ... In the end, the West seems cerring Mr Yeltsin a helping hand in Trans-Siberian artery route and bringing hundreds of trains to a standstill



Despite the currency crisis, Boris Yeltsin jokes yesterday with Lesotho Telephore Seymoor Renatified Riking Photograph: Sergey Chirikov/EPA

by many millions of unpaid workers and pensioners, would deepen.

for 10 days. Such resentment, shared Kiriyenko's term in office may yet be injunist and nationalist opponents is Mr Vyugin indicated that the IMF

So, too, would the pressure on Mr ident's own position would be threat-sof the mayor of Moscow, Yuri tranche. But the IMF has so far voice in Russia, parliament is conreplace them with reactionaries if the market reforms are spread over a vast tain to support Mr. Yeltsin in keeppublic mood is ugly enough. Mr territory. The record of his Com- ing his opponents at bay. Yesterday, their old Siberian friend.

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ef. She of barking rather than biting. may have to belp out with support It is not impossible that the Pres- That said, the unsettling silhouettes. "on a different scale" to its \$670m ton and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to ask them for "moral support". They may also find themselves digging into their pockets to help

## **Baptism** of fire for the new PM



world's tougher jobs, Sergei Prime Minister of Russia, is undergoing an initiation test that could easily destroy an official of twice his experience.

When he was appninted out of the blue by Boris Yeltsin, Moscow's political élite erupted with complaints that ne was a provincial green horn, a former banker and refinery manager who lacked the experience to cope with Russia's plethora of economic

Twice, the Russian parliament refused to confirm him, before finally caving in at the third and final confirmation hearing last

Since then, however, Mr Kiriyenko bas found himself immersed in an economic maeistrom, with a teetering rouble, panicky markets and an economy battered by low oil prices and the

. Although he bas won respect - particularly in the West - for being decisive and dynamic (neither of which were qualities of his predecessor, Victor Chernomyrdiu), he has chalked up one big error.

He insisted on going about with this week's sell-off of the state oil giant Rosneft, despite complaints from potential buyers that the price was too high.

In the end, on one bid - delivering a serious blow to market confidence. His future will now vives its current crisis.

When he arrived in office, looking like an owlish schoolboy. be revealed that he likes dangerous passtimes. Just as well. He has got one now.

## Nato places security ring around German Net boss convicted Cosovo to avert wider conflict

Rupert Cornwell

FRESH fighting flared up the Serbian province of sovo, the Natn allies vestery announced plans to boost ir military presence in ighbouring Albania and cedonia, and signalled that necessary they were ready to ervene directly in the dised province in prevent a seci Bosnian war.

Meeting in Luxemburg yesday, the 16 Nato foreign risters laid the foundations hat they hope will be a corsanitaire to prevent the mering conflict between

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As a first step, Nato will conduct a land-air exercise in Albania this August and expand an already scheduled exercise in Macedonia. Thereafter, the alliance peacekeeping forces will be strengthened in both countries. In Macedonia an 800-man US force is already in place; for Albania, the plans call for a force of up to 7,000 men which could be deployed there

regional conflict.

The moves reflect growing anxiety on all sides at the border with Albania.

its Serb rulers in Belgrade in Kosovo, an anxiety shared even by Russia, which refuses to support most Western sanctions imposed on President Slubodan Milusevic of Yugoslavia to force him into meaningful talks with the province's

Albanian majority. Last night new tension gripped the region after four ethnic Albanians were reported killed on Wednesday, three when their car was shot ot by Serb forces south-west of the capital, Pristina, and a fourth when Serb soldiers shelled the village of Rastanica, close to the

The spectre which haunts the allies is that of another Bosnia, only worse; where repression and "ethnic cleansing" by the Serbs turns into an open war with the Kosovo Albanians, which then drags in the Albanian minority in Macedonia, Albania itself and, if the worst comes to the worst, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey.

Nata ministers declared they would consider "further deterrent measures, if the sitnation so requires". The statement did not elaborate, but the sense was plain: no option. even direct military intervention, is being ruled out.

## of allowing free flow of porn BONN (AP) - In a surprise said that contention was "sim. the ruling could be highly dan-

verdict that could stunt multimedia growth in Germany, a Munich court yesterday convicted the former head of CompuServe Germany of helping to distribute pornography, by not blocking dirty pictures available on the Internet.

The court convicted Felix Somm even though prosecutors had reversed themselves and asked for his acquittal. In closing arguments, they agreed with the defence that it was technically impossible to filter out all such material on the freewheeling, global network, But Judge Wilhelm Hubbert

to maximizing profits," adding that he wanted the verdict in order to deter other Internetaccess providers from doing the same. The court sentenced Somm

to two years probation and it ordered him to pay 100,000 marks (\$57,000) to charity. His Defence attorney Wolfgang Dingfelder called the ver-

in court, the judge said Com-

dict "complete rubbish" and promised an appeal. Internet experts warned that

ply false." Reading his decision gerous for Germany's developing multimedia industry, which puServe had let "protecting has been promnted as a source the young ... take second place of growth and jobs for the 21st century.

Joerg Tauss, a federal lawmaker from the opposition Social Democrats, called it "a catastrophe" that would "ruin the Internet in Germany."

Christopher Kuner, a Frankfurt attorney representing several multimedia firms, said it might make some reconsider doing business in Germany. "It's going to create a sort of chilling climate in terms of new investment," he predicted.

Even the prosecutor, Franz von Hunoltstein, said the decinomic effects." The case began in December 1995 when Bayarian prosecutors searched CompuServe offices as part of an investigation into online

pornography. Mr Kuner said the verdict showed that Germany's wideranging multimedia law, which government officials said would provide a boost to the industry when it was passed last year, was too vague: "The law was touted as removing the possibility for this happening. "This is going to have a very bad effect,"

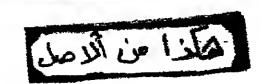
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## Italy faces a new Albanian armada

By Anne Hanley ın Brinasi

IT IS a still, windless night in the narrow strip of water which separates the southern Italian port of Brindisi from Albania, and there is little moving except for the fishing vessel making its way out into the Adriatic.

"There's quite a swell over Saracino, captain of coastguard launch 255. "Only a couple of boats have put out tonight. It's going to be slim pickings."

The pattern in cross-Adriatic dangerously low in the water, ar- two hours - they set out for El

desperate Albanians fleeing the anarchy at home. The occasional large vessel still arrives: dumped 140 Kurds on a beach

near Reggio Calabria.

But most of today's illegal immigrants cross in big rubber dinghies with powerful outboard motors. Owned by Albanian the other side," says Michele crime outfits, the boats line up on beaches near the Albanian ports of Durres and Vlore wait-

With a full complement on board - 20 or 30 passengers each traffic is different now from a paying one million lire (£350) for year ago, when leaking boats, a trip which can take as little as

**Adriatic** 

"At this time of year, with fine weather, 10 boats or more make vesterday a Turkish boat it across to this part of Italy every night. It is well organised and they know there's very little we can do," says Giovanni Biso, head of the Brindisi harbourmaster's office.

> "They are in small, fragile boats. We're in launches. We can't force them to stop: any brusque manoeuvring, and we send a boatload of people to the bottom. I'd rather not have that on my conscience."

Many boats carry arms, or drugs, as well as humans. Some make unscheduled stops not far

rived in Italian ports carrying Dorado on the other side of the beach to allow lurking the hundreds of illegal immipassengers of valuables.

Albanian coast, or by Italian navy ships in mid-Adriatic. On this particular night, three boats will leave Durres and four Vlore, but all will be driven back to harbour by strong winds.

When they make it across we catch up with them on this side and follow them to the beach, notifying police on land, who pick them up," says Biso. "Or at least that's the theory."

In fact, the commander ad-

partners in crime to strip their grants who make it on to Ital- Kurds, apply for asylum. Oth- to France or Germany. ian beaches in southern Italy Brindisi is warned of de- every night are caught, and parting boats by Italian coast- subjected to the tough immiguards patrolling off the gration rules approved in March. Albanians are put on the

next ferry home. They turn up again a few nights later," Biso says. "The fee for their passage across gives them the right to a certain number of shots, not just one."

The pilots of the boats, if caught, are dragged before magistrates and given prison sentences technically up to 15

But they rarely exceed three. mits, only about 20 per cent of Many non-Albanians, especial-

ers get their marching orders immediately but have two weeks to leave the country.

security in immigrant detention centres is lax, and hundreds, if not thousands, of immates are believed to have walked out of them unmolested since the beginning of 1997.

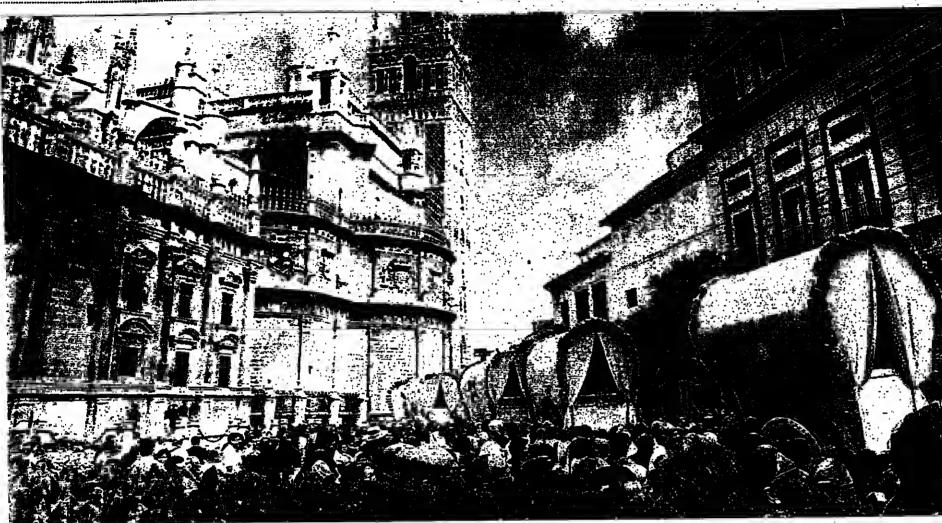
Italy's Interior Minister Giorgio Napolitano earlier this week said the number of clandestini in Italy was at least 24,000. For them, this country is often no

"This is a European problem, and not just an Italian one. Yet the whole weight of the thing has to return whence they came: the Biso. "Italy can do all the pa- ly occurred to Mr Prodi who fallen on our shoulders," said trolling it likes up and down the; Adriatic, but the problem will never be solved as long as Albanians have no reason to stay in their own country."

In an attempt to give them They join the many more a reason, Italy's Prime Minister who are never caught at all. Romano Prodi was in the Albanian capital, Tirana, this week to open a trade fair to boost investment by Italian companies. to go if it hopes to hring about nothing in comparison."

ly the growing mumber of Iraqi more than a stopover on the way an economic miracle on the flow of clandestini is to stop, what is needed is a kind of Marshall Plan for Albania," said Biso. The same thought clearplosive situation in Kosovo - the ethnic Albanian region of Serhia demanding independence might be resolved without

bloodshed. "If Kosovo blows up, the whole region blows up and God knows what will wash up on our shores," said Commander Biso. "Last year's mass ex-But his country has a long way odus of Albanians would be



housands of pilgrims set out from Seville Cathedral to the shrine of the Virgin of the Rocio in Almonte, negotiating toxic waste on the way

Photograph: Eduardo Abad

## Toxic disaster bars Spanish pilgrims' progress

y Elizabeth Nash

etting out yesterday on Eu- fields, has brought home the pe's biggest annual pilgrimage ad to make a five-mile detour logical disaster of 25 April, avoid trudging through toxsludge spilled five weeks ago om a mine reservoir.

The disruption of one of pain's most religious festivals the Virgin of the Rocio (dew) grimage is ritual immersion for Jose Maria Aznar, made his first

when tons of poison waste gushed towards one of Europe's most important nature

reserves, the Coto Donana. A highpoint of the Rocio pil-

rayed in gaudy finery accompany river Guadiamar. But this year a month after the event. flower-bedecked, horse-drawn wagons across the Andalucian pilgrims, loath to quit their traditional route, crossed the stinkdevastation inflicted by the eco- ing river by barge. Earthmovers resuming their task of gouging

away the toxic mud. Infuriated by the government's leisurely response to the crisis, the Prime Minister,

launched a public prosecution paused to let them pass before of the environment ministry and the Swedish-owned Boliden mine company for what IU's leader, Antonio Romero, calls "the worst ecological crime in

Spanish history". The government has pledged clean-up costs and promises who caused the spill.

ing for the clean-up - estimat-

position party this week there is a risk autumn rains The Environment Minister, eight-year plan to purify the waters that feed the Donana but said that responsibility for pay-

in Seville - in which pilgrims ar- first-timers in the waters of the visit to the scene last weekend, 4.5bu ptas (£18m) to cover ed at up to £63m - lay with those

could wash the corrosive acids up operation and will advance into the Donana National Park. up to £4m to reimhurse farmers. It will also huy up the poi-Isabel Tocino, has announced an soned harvest - up to 9,000 acres have been contaminated by the spill, ruining the livelihood of 2,000 farming families in one of

Spain's poorest regions.

## Police search house for dead babies

By John Lichfield

NO ONE seems to be sure how many bahies there might be buried in the garden or the fields beyond. In a grimly distressing operation, reminiscent of the Fred West case in Britain, French police are digging through the garden of a tural slum near Lille, searching for the bodies of at least three, maybe as many as six, new-born

babies. The infants were the product of repeated sexual attacks over many years on the daughter of the house by two of her brothers. The men, aged 35 and 31, confessed to the crimes after they were arrested two months ago for keeping their father in slavery, imprisoned in a rabhit hutch and terrorised by a dog trained to attack him.

The two young men, Didier and Patrick Lefranc, were placed under formal examination for rape and murder yesterday; their allegedly crippled mother, Lucie, 67, sister Patricia, 25, and younger brother, Paris (AP) - Some French po-Dominique, 22, face charges of being accessories to murder pickpockets recently to protest at

old person's home. Patricia Lefranc has told police that she cannot recall how many times her brothers got her pregnant hut she believes that she had at least three hahies. One of the older

ing the infants; the other denies any part in the murders but admits the other facts.

Neighbours of the Lefrancs, in the depressed former mining village of Illies, south of Lille, described a permanently drunken family, ruled by a fearsome matriarch - "fat Lucie" - and two violent brothers. The father, who was seen pushing his wife along the road in her wheelchair, day and night, and in all weathers, was terrorised by wife and elder sons for years.

The former miner was forced to live in a rabbit hutch and share the meals of a dog, trained to attack him. When police finally intervened, following chance remarks made by the daughter, Patricia, the old man was found to have dog bites all over his body.

Plastic screens have been erected around the Lefrancs' home, while police, using a miniature excavator, search the back garden. If no bodies are found, one senior police officer said, the search will be extended to the surrounding fields.

lice have avoided arresting

and failing to report crimes. The the government's refusal to pay father, Paul, 76, has been overtime to salaried officers, a for his own safety, in an union official said. Union and police officials planning to meet today insisted the dispute would be settled before the onslaught of fans for the World Cup that begins on 10 June. The dispute began early this year when salaried police officers demanded to be paid for extra work.



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## Pressure builds on Pakistan to sign test ban

By Peter Popham in New Delhi

THE FIVE nuclear devices Pakistan exploded yesterday in Aluchistan threatened Pakistan itself with economic collapse, the region with frighteningly heightened tensions, and the world with a new nuclear arms race.

Optimists, however, argued that if national passions in the region can only be held in check, both India and Pakistan couldbe induced to sign the Non-Proliferation and Comprehensive Test Ban Treaties. Both nations had halked at sigoing treatles which would have cut off for ever the possibility of testing their nuclear arsenals and becoming declared nuclear states.

Pakistao's explosions, unlike India's, were closely monitored by American intelligence, which announced yesterday morning that a nuclear device had been inserted in the ground at the test site, and the bole filled up with concrete. The first of the five explosions took place at 3,30pm.

Wheo the news reached the Indian parliament about an hour later, the lower house adjourned in disarray. A senior Communist deputy declared: "What a mess [Prime Minister] Vajpayee has got us into - this man is not fit to govern!"

n the other side of the border, a grim-faced Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif told Pakistan in a television broadcast that the country had been forced into warned ooc ecocomics comdetonating the explosives by India's tests which had violently tilted the balance of power in the region. Prepariog Pakistan for the sanctions that will in-

evitably follow, and the damage they will inflict on the country's fragile economy, he announced that he had decided "to give up the prime minister's palace and go for simplicity..."
"Without sacrifices," he

went on, "nations don't stand oo their own. This is a golden opportunity to he self-reliant. Even if we have to starve, we must not allow this moment to

Pakistan's decision to test was the conclusion of an anguished national debate. The shock of India's tests prampted an immediate demand for Pakistae to respond in kind, both from ordinary people and from the political parties. As the economic implications sank in, however, Mr Sharif's demand for a "national consensus" on the issue paradoxically led to an increasing polarisation of views.

The opportuoistic and legally embattled leader of the Opposition, Beoazir Bhutto, demanded that India's ouclear facilities be bombed (though not necessarily by Pakistan). One after another, the oation's numerous extremist Islamic parties demanded that the prime minister press the button. But in the press, more and more voices called for saner

counsel to prevail. "Let's not jump into the same well," urged one commentator, "Emotive response to Iodian nuclear tests could wreak havoc on the economy," mentator. Some suggested Pakistan could enjoy a lucrative halo of sanctity if she refrained.

But the envoys Mr Nawaz sent fanning out across the

were on offer for abstinence came back empty handed. Plenty uf stick was available, but very little in the way of carrot. No regional security guarantees from the United States, for example. All the world would promise was dehilitating sanctions if Pakistan went ahead.

Foreign Minister Gohur Ayub Khan's statement last Suoday that "it was not a matter of if, but when" proved to he the last word. If there had been serious doubts in the Cabioct, the loose-caonon bellicosity of Indian Home Minister Lal Krishna Advani, threatening a new offensive in Kashmir. and his colleague, Madao Lal Khurana, reportedly saying that if Pakistan wanted a fourth war "all they have to do is tell us the time and place", must have dispelled them.

Conspiracy theorists even suggested that India's whole strategy was aimed at deliberately goading Pakistan into testing, to drive the old enemy into bankruptcy.

If there is anything worse than the spectacle of two of the world's poorest nations pouring vast sums into nuclear testing, it is that they should start a race to weaponise.

But both India and Pakistan now have suitable indigeoously developed missiles, India the Agni and Prithvi. Pakistan the Ghauri. The temptation to take the next logical step will be overwhelming. And the 75 per cent of Pakistanis without access to drinking water, and the 44 per ceot of Indians living in absolute poverty, will have to learn to



Pakistanis in Lahore celebrating news of the nuclear testing Photograph: Mohsin Baza/Reuters

### Islamabad achieves its balance of terror

By Rupert Comwell

FOR decades they were five. Three weeks ago they became six, and now they are seven. Pakistan's announcement yesterday that it had conducted a series of nuclear tests in retaliation for India's blasts on 11 May and 13, means it becomes the latest member of the select club of declared nuclear powers. The eighth but as yet uodeclared member, of course, is Israel.

Almost a quarter of a ceotury ago, the then Prime Min-ering arms race. ister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto announced that Pakistan would "eat grass if oeccessary" to match India after Delhi exploded its first nuclear device in 1974. The interveniog years saw a succession of hints, threats and assorted skulduggery pointing unequivocally in one direction: that the country

was on the threshold of going nuclear. Yesterday, it formally crossed the threshold. In all probability it has been able to for the best part of a decade.

The chorus of disapproval around the world was predictable and unanimous: eveo China, which has unquestionably helped Pakistan build the bomh and the missiles which might carry one, shed the diplomatic equivalent of crocodile tears - expressing its "deep regret" and uncase over the gath-

The economic consequences for Pakistan will be severe - as much as \$2bo (£1.23ho) in lost aid and other funding.

The ooe hope is that, now a crude halance of terror has been reached, Islamabad and Delhi will oow sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty signed by 149 other oations.

### US imposes sanctions and cuts lending

By Andrew Marshall

in Washington

THE US moved swiftly to impose sanctions oo Pakistan yesterday, after the announcement that it had tested five nuclear devices.

The financial measures will hit the smaller, more internationally dependent Pakistani parallel sanctions hit India.

Bill Clintoo spoke to Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani Prime Minister, late oo Wednesday nighl and hegged him not to test, the White House said. America also sent diplomats to the country to persuade Pakistan not to follow India down the nuclear road, But officials had said privately they expected the tests.

impose sanctions," Clinton said \$1.3bn loan from the IMF.

yesterday, underlining that "two wrongs don't make a right".

"I deplore the decision," he said, adding that Pakistan had thrown away a "truly priceless opportunity" to receive greater US economic and security assistance. Officials had ooted before the tests that with domestic pressure rising after the Indian tests, it would have reeconomy much harder than quired an acl of enormous political courage for the government not to go ahead. The White House indicated some understanding for Mr Sharif's position, saying that Clinton

has great respect" for him. The sanctions included a cutoff in US aid and a suspension of official backing for international lending, blocking an estimaled \$2bn in funding. Pakistan "We have no choice hul to is at present the recipient of a

## Tempers fly as Monica is forced to testify to FBI over Clinton

THE investigation into Monica Lewinsky's relationship with fice in Los Angeles to give President Bill Clinton moved up a gear yesterday as she gave evimnce to the FBI, and key White House advisers were summoned to testify.

As the investigation draws slowly towards its climax, tempers are getting heated. The White House paints the investigation as a witch-hunt aod

sky, 24, went to the FBI field ofsamples of her handwriting and fingerprints. This is likely to be a step towards calling her to appear in front of the grand jury in Washington which will decide whether there is a case against the President for persuading her to lie about an al-

leged sexual relationship. Her father said she was a

complains about repeated leaks pawn in a scheme to "get" the relationship between the two. helped Ms Lewinsky find a jub ries that have allowed him to her relations with Mr Clinton. be is clearly unwilling to testipursuing the investigation. "I would like the American people to know my daughter is a pawn ... This is unfair. It is totally mAmerican."

Ms Lewinsky was also accompanied by her lawyer, William Ginsburg, who has also savagely attacked Mr Starr in a magazine article. He im-

from investigators. Ms Lewin- President and attacked Kenneth "Congratulations, Mr Starri after she left government ser- move the case on inch by inch, Proving that will be a long and fy himself. regard for cherished constitutinual rights, you may have ual relationship between two consecting adolts," he wrote. But he denied any such impli-

cation was intended. Vernon Jordan, a lawyer and friend of the President, gave evidence for the third time to the grand jury yesterday. He

succeeded in unmasking a sex- also to give evidence after a court decided they were not covered by executive privilege.

The case against the Presideot has been under preparation for mooths now, with little sign of any forward movement. But Mr Starr has scored a series of small-scale legal victo-

House advisers, Bruce Lindsey tigation that would precede and Sidney Blumenthal, are any charges. Mr Clinton has not given evidence, despite being asked several times, reports said yesterday.

What is really at stake in this case is not the existence of a sexual relationship, but whether or nnt the President and his closest advisers connived at perjury - to get Ms Lewinsky to lie about

Starr's investigation has caused increasing unhappiness among road that led from an alleged is costing huge amounts of money. Bot at the same time it may be helpful for the Repub-

President under a clood. He wants things to be de-

long and possible and leave the

scandal over property - Whitewater - to Ms Lewinsky may have much further to go before there is any resolution. The evidence so far is that it is making little difference to the way the public sees the President:



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Fall of an icon: Allegations that Daniel Ortega raped his step-daughter have all but destroyed the image of Nicaragua's one-time hero

## He led the revolution. Has he got feet of clay?

HE was a bookish, short-sighted, be-spectacled version of Che Guevara, a young revolutionary whose only romantic touch was the red-and-black silk Sandinista bandana around his neck. The Sixties' style high-heeled boots were not a fashion statement, but simply to lift him up to something like average height.

But Daniel Ortega captured the hearts of the post-Guevara generation when he led the rag-tag men and women of the Sandinista Nadonal Liberatioo Front (FSLN) into Managua in July 1979 after overthrowing dictator Anastasio Somoza in a guerrilla war that had soaked Nicaragua's streets in blood. As "co-ordinator" of the revolution, a man who had spent seveo years in Somoza's jails, often tortured, no one batted an eyelid when the Sandinistas appointed him President of Nicaragua, a post be held until world pressure forced him to hold free elections in 1990.

As Sandinista leader, Ortega became the new symbol of revolution 20 years after Guevara and Fidel Castro had overthrown Cuba's dictator, Fulgencio Batista. And with Guevara long dead - killed in Bolivia in 1967 - and Castro deep frozeo inside the Cold War - Ortega became the biggest thorn in the flesh of the United States, the focal point of Ronald Reagan's anti-com-

His confiscation of property and land, including from American owners, did not add to his popularity in the United States.

Reagan called him a "tin-pot dictator". His successor, George Bush, called him "a skunk at a garden party". Genuinely fearing that the Sandinistas would spread their revolutioo oorth, up through Central America and Mexico, Reagan ordered border patrol guards in such cities as Brownsville, Texas, to be oo

President Reagan encouraged and financed the remnants of dictator Somoza's feared National Guardsmeo to form the "Cootras" - short for "Counter-Revolutionaries" - a right-wing guerrilla group aimed at overthrowing the Sandinistas and restoriog a government more

By Phil Davison

amenable to the Reagan administration. Based across the Nicaraguan border in Honduras and Costa Rica, the Contras launched hit-and-run attacks, carried out massacres and engaged in combat with the Sandinistas, which left tens of thousands of Nicaraguans dead.

Like Castro, Ortega thrived oo the Americans' hang-ups. He flirted openly with the Cuban leader and became chummy with Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Libya's Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. And like Castro, his image of pariah to yuppie America made him even more of a hero to socialist-minded youth and intellectuals around the world.

Young people flocked to Nicaragna to help pick coffee beans "for the revolution". Usually sandalwearing backpackers with little money to spend oo hotels with hot water, they became known as "the Sandalistas," revolutionary hippies. Even their Nicaraguan hosts mocked their body odours.

With the decline of the Soviet Union, and an increasingly isolated economy, faith in the Sandinistas faded throughout the Eighties. What had started as a "National Liberatioo Front" in the jungles of Costa Rica and underground in the slums of cities such as Managua and Leon, had become a disuoited party, proven inept at managing the ecooomy. Nicaraguans were increasingly critical of the ongoing war footing - though largely promoted by the CIA-backed Cootras - and the conscription and budget oeeded to maintain an army seen only as a symbol of defiance against the US

But when Ortega, under worldwide pressure, finally held free elections in 1990, few doubted that his charisma would pull him through for More seriously, using the CIA. Nicaraguans had learnt to keep their opinions to themselves through years of dictatorship, as well as under the Sandinistas' oo-nonsense internal security ageots, the polls turned out to be all wrong. Conservative grandmother Violetta Chamorro won easily.

Ortega, now 52, has been oppo-



Ortega: He tried desperately to regain power: But slick campaigning couldn't resurrect his career Photograph: Andrew Moore/Katz

rupting public life by organising strikes and regularly threatening to take up arms again, a threat few, if current president, who had been jailed by the Sandinistas and seen his coffee farm confiscated.

That defeat came despite an American-style campaign and a complete change of image by the Sandinista leader.

Gone was the fiery anti-American rhetoric, replaced by calls for

sition leader ever since, often dis- friendly relations. Gooe were the horn-rimmed spectacles, replaced by contact lenses. Gone were the cowboy shirts with rolled-up sleeves, reany, Nicaraguans ever take seriously. placed by choirboy-like white In 1996 he lost again, this time to collarless smocks. Gone was the old ervative Arnoldo Aleman, the revolutionary Sandinista anthem with its exhortation to "fight the Yanqui, eoemy of humanity", replaced by Beethoven's Ode to Joy.

Ortega even brought in former "Cootra" guerrillas to his campaign, including the notorious Commander Mack, ooce photographed ordering ooe of his men to cut a peasant's throat, in an effort to win conserva-

tive votes. But all to no avail. Ortega lost again and, despite being reelected Sandinista leader at the party's Congress last weekend, four days before his stepdaughter lodged criminal sexual abuse charges, few caraguans believe he will be a presidential candidate oext time round.

Eveo if the rape and sexual abuse charges do oot stick, his stepdaughter's detailed allegations have undoubtedly hurt Mr Ortega's image at home and abroad. When she announced the charges on Wednesday Zoilamerica Narvaez, oow 30, was beckled by a few hardline Sandinista women - shouting "crazy woman, degenerate!" but backed by other women chanting "Keep up the

Many Nicaraguan women, including Sandinistas, say the party alnior government positions, despite having served as foot soldiers in the guerrilla war and revolutioo.

"Women were always manipulated under Sandinismo," Nicaraguan political analyst Moises Hassan, a former Sandinista, was recently quoted

## The secret sins that history has exposed

IF the allegations by Daniel Ortega's stepdaughter of sexual molestation and abuse are true, they will be a fascinating indication of what level of private indescretion a forgiving age will tolerate before it casts down a public political hero.

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Over the years, the secret lives and sins of other luminaries of the radical left, from Lenin to Mao Tse-Tung to Winnie Mandela, have been exposed. The case of Ortega differs in three crucial respects.

The prime force in the revolution which toppled the dictator Anastasio Somoza and defied Ronald Reagan, the CIA and their Cootra clients, he was a Third World leader idolised by the left around the world for standing up to US bullying. Second, oot only is he still alive, he continues to lead the Sandinista party in Nicaragua's national assembly. Third, the offences of which he is accased are far more than the politifrom the marital bed. If born oot, they amount to criminal rape.

The posthumous debunking of heroes is a historian's meat and drink. Take Lenin, long regarded by generations of the left as benign father of socialism and founder of the Soviet Union, whose noble ideals were deformed and disgraced by Stalin.

Now of course it has been established that Stalin (himself a man of whom gullible Western liberals would hear oo wrong, even while he was shipping millions to the gulag) drew beavily oo techniques earlier employed by Lenin - among them an omnipotent secret service, mass atrocities against civilians, and terror-famines.

As a mass murderer of his own people. Mao ranks alongside Stalin, but was none the less an inspiratioo to a strand of the far left. His reputation was posthumously deoted by the revelations of his personal doctor that while supervising the Cuitural Revolutioo Mao was addicted to sex with underage peasant girls rounded up from the countryside. Eveo so, as with Lenin, the faith of those believers who were left was not beeo greatly damaged. Both were dead, their place in history - for better or worse - secure.

In the West too, death draws the sting of scandal. Had John Kennedy's prodigious and reckless sexual appetites become known when he was sident, they might have ruined his the relatively few womeo given se-Ditto, on a more modest scale, Martin Luther King. As it is, public attitudes have largely caught up with JFK's private behaviour (witness the tolerance for Bill Clinton's philandering). Beyood the grave, he is still perceived as lost leader, not lost soul.

## 'Time not only heals all wounds, it opens all eyes'

JD Gannon was a reporter in Nicaragua from 1986 to 1990. Here he remembers the leader he once admired

"DIMINUTIVE. Wouldn't you say Daniel Ortega is diminutive? I mean, he is rather small."

It was the fall of 1989, San José, Costa Rica. I was acting as guide/interpreter for the Daily Telegraph's Washington bureau chief. George Bush was in town for the first hemispheric meeting of heads of state, a meeting so lacking in consequence that the only real question was whether Daniel Ortega would get his picture taken with Bush, and the Telegraph guy was writing the intro to his story and looking for a good adjective for the president of the scrappiest nation in the new world.

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"Daniel would kick Bush's ass in a play.

Daniel was Nicaragua in those New York minute."

I wasn't writing about the summit so wasn't worried about paying homage to the American god of "objectivity". I probably wanted him to

"Daniel" as he was known to all, was a real leader - had fought the good fight and won. Had suffered imprisonment, torture, battle, the loss of friends and family but had had victory ripped from him by the colossus to the oorth, only because America was a sore loser. And it ran-

days and the lack of respect shown him was the same shown to that eotire, impoverished but beautiful na-

Had the Telegraph's man that day whispered to me that Daniel was rap-people" were cast aside. ing his step-daughter. I might have kicked his ass.

But time not only heals all wounds, it opens all eyes. And I and every well-wisher Ortoga ever had had long ago shrugged our shoulders and turned our backs on a man kled the conscience of every reporter whose unseemly desceot from rev-

"Diminutive?" I demanded. in Nicaragua with any sense of fair olutionary leader to power-grabbing leader was complete years before his step-daughter made public her private nightmare.

In the face of popular electoral defeat. Ortega tried to grab as much power as he could gain in opposition. The needs of Nicaragua and "the

He long ago drove out the best and the brightest the Sandinista front had to offer, vilified any and all who suggested a thoroughly rejected leader might want to step aside for a new geocration to take over.

And he has dragged the once proud and resourceful Froot down

with him, where it now languishes as a party with nothing to offer but what it can deny its enemies - enemies it

was once unworthy of having. Daniel was not the revolution, no man ever is. But we search for the individual to embody the good. This whole unseemly affair calls to mind

a scene from Brecht's Galileo. Galileo, having recanted before the Inquisition, returns to his rooms to find his favourite student, crestfallen, waiting for him. The student denounces him, crying out "pity a world without heroes!" To which the ageing astronomer sighed: "No, pity



Ortega with his close friend Colonel Gaddafi, watching military

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Is this the family of the future?

As the pressure of

grows, so will multi-

By Meg Carter

ing a return.

juggling home and work

generational households.

IT COULD be the answer to all your childcare and retirement needs. Or a recipe for marital disaster. Whichever way you look at it, however, the multi-generational household – with parents, kids and in-laws all living under one roof - seems to be mak-

More than 25 per cent of us already live with an additional family member or would be prepared to, while 80 per ceot feel the down ing of the welfare state makes the rebirth of the multi-generational household inevitable, according to research published last mooth. Soon, many

It's not so much a family renaissance as

"Many people who were "dinkys" double income no kids - in the late Eight-

time hirth of a new pragmatism, claims Graeme Leach, associate director at the

ies and Nineties are oow having families

and finding they have significantly less dis-

posable income than they had hoped because of childcare costs and the fact that

one or other partner is having to stop earn-

ing for a while or even shift to part-time

people now in their twenties and thirties aren't putting enough money into their pension schemes to retire comfortably, warns Nigel Waite, marketing director of Barclays Life. "There is widespread misplaced optimism about the level of pensions people can look forward to when they retire," he

Meanwhile, creeping "persooal privatisatioo" already regulres a growing

proportioo of middle-class incomes to be set aside for future education and healthcare oeeds, he adds. "As more people re-

alise this, financial pressure oo other

expeoditure will become acute. A multi-

generational, Waltons-style household may

Britain will need 4.4 million oew homes by

the year 2016 to accommodate the growth

of single persoo households. This, howev-

er, ignores a parallel treod, says Leach, co-

author of 2020 Vision - a snapshot of British life two decades hence, published last

More of us will start grouping togethen larger households as disposable in-

comes stagnate or fall, life expectancy

increases and concerns grow about the costs

of resideotial care and child support. At

the same time, growing employee flexibility

and mobility, increased home working and

the development of "cyber schooling" via

the Internet will increase our focus on the

least the fact that lots of us find the idea

of an extended family an appealing con-

cept," Mr Leach adds. Those already liv-

ing in multi-generational bouseholds agree.

Commission for New Towns, Dave Ludford

and his wife, Debbie, re-located to Milton

Keynes with Debbie's parents who were

But the four of us decided to pool our ea-

uity and chih together to huy somewhere

big enough for us all to have our own space,

But small enough to enjoy the becefits of

then in their late sixties.

Five years ago, while working for the

"There are lots of tangible benefits, oot

Government estimates predict that

provide on solutioo."

mooth by Barclays Life.

The housing market is already bracing itself for homeowners with less money to invest (according to Barclays Life). Many

of us won't have much choice.

Henley Centre for Forecasting.

working," he says.

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show me a man who shouldn't." OK, I will. Sophy, a mother of three children under ten, gave up her seat on the board of a communications company to work freelance from home; her husband works very full-time in the City. Guess who ended up running the house. In our house, it's the other way round. Sarah, my partner, works full-time es a libearian.

Last autumn, I gave up a salaried job in PR in the voluntary sector to look after our baby 500 and the touse, while trying to build a free-

two days a week, (yes, I collect) and Sarah works from home one day a week. Nevertheless, I end up doing most of the domestic chores - for example, all the cleaning, most of the washing, all the cooking, etc.

I'm not claiming sainthood, and the only prize we'd win would be a wooden spoon from the environmental health department. But we've made a conscious choice that we want one pareot with Theo the majority of the time, and we accept the hassle and financial impact this in-

Sarah says this isn't a gender issue. "It is about a partner who is at home and a partner who works outside the home. The partner at work



two couples enjoyed each other's company. And that it was an active choice rather than a reaction to a need to care for people who could oot cope alooe.

separate facilities to avoid kitcheo of her surviving parent moving in. clashes, for example. His in-laws lived upstairs while he and Debbie occupied space below - "guiding principles" were needed to solit the times the four spent together and apart. Now 42, Ludford is studying for

It's not so much a family renaissance as the birth of a new pragmatism

an MBA at Cranfield University while Debbie is raising four-mooth-old twins Grace and Lily. His mother-in-law, Kit, still lives with them, although Debhie's father re-

"Modern parents in their sixties wear jeans and remain young at heart. The gulf between us has narrowed and the prospect of living together is easier to accommodate oow because you don't feel generations apart," Mr Ludford believes. "Friends were sceptical," he admits.

"I think we will see a gradual polarisation - of more multi-generational family households driven by family bonds and more single person households drived by

living together." It certainly helped that the family bombs. It's already standard practice in Mediterranean countries and the Middle East: if the chemistry's right, why oot here?"

Not everyone shares his eothusiasm. Yes, there were teething problems. It Jonathan, 35, claims his three year marriage sooo became obvious the two couples oeed- to Melissa almost collapsed under the strain

> "On paper it seemed ideal - my mother-in-law oceded somewhere to live, but had difficulty coping alone and did not want to go into a home. In reality, I felt she was an intrusion." After six months, both sides both agreed to call it a day.

> "There's a certain logic to reverting to self-supporting household groups, but it's hard enough balancing the priorities of two breadwinners (whose job should take priority and where should they live?) let alone balancing the interests of an older generation who may or may not want to move," warns Marjorie Thaburn, head of services to couples for Relate.

> "I'm not sure we've gooe too far down the line with nuclear families and single parents to make the psychological shift that would he required to become inter-dependent in this way."

> Mr Waite agrees the Waltons approach will not be appropriate for all. "Those driveo by necessity will do so in limited circumstances - a house huilt for two generations will have to hold three - with the obvious side effect of increased stress and pressure on the relationships between all those concerned," he admits.

If he's right, we are all advised to start

'Friends thought we were mad. At first'

south-west London with their 22month-old son, Alexander. And Rosalba's brother Jack and Rosalba and Jack's mother, Elvira. "Wa first moved in together in 1993,"

Mr Riddle explains. "It was choice rather than necessity - we all wanted to live somewhere bigger but stay relatively central. As we are all close and get on, well, it seemed the obvious thing to do." To some, perhaps. But for many, the

prospect of sharing with the in-laws especially after getting married, which Andrew and Rosalba did two years ago sounds like a recipe for disaster. "Friends thought we were mad,"

Andrew admits. "At first." In fact, many now envy the Riddle's

arrangement and two other couples they know hope to give it a try. Motivation was key, Andrew says.

Each of them wanted to live in the same area; Rosalba had grown even closer to her mother and brother since the death of her father ten years ago and the four enjoyed each other's company.

Luckily, they all work: Andrew as company director of a menswear business; Rosalba as director of a

lack as stock controller for Andrew's business. As a result, each entered the arrangement on an equal footing and differing working patterns extended

Individuals' personal space. "it was mine and my mother's idea. We spoke on the phone at least once a day, sometimes more," Rosalba admits.

"I've always hated being on my own. In this house, you always know it won't be long before someone comes home." Andrew adds: "it's great for Alexander, too. As a close-knit family, he

will grow up with an uncle and grandmother closa at hand." Not that the extended family

provides a short cut to cheap childcare. With all four adults working, the family shares weekday childcare support with another family nearby.

Which suits Elvira just fine. "While we are all there to help each other out, I have my own things to do, too besides, they couldn't afford me!" she

It helped, of course, that the Italian side of the family was used to multigenerational living. "In Italy it's still commonplace: finding

unusual." Elvira adds. Her side of the family is from southern Italy, although she has lived in Britain the past 35 years. Each family member tries to make it home for communal meals, she says.

"If there's one disadvantage, 1 suppose you could say that as Italians, Rosalba and Elvira do more than they probably should for me and Jack," Andrew ruefully admits.

"You can take things for granted. We know we're very lucky."

Another potential pitfall is insufficient space. And a family member with not enough to do who might take an unwelcoma degree of interest in other household members' lives.

In spite of all this, conflict within the Riddle household is minimal. "All decisions about the house are joint decisions - we all have a stake," Andrew

Each abides by an informal arrangement that should they wish to move out they give six months notice. Of course joint equity in a larger

property makes for a sounder investment, he adds, but "it was more about being where we wanted to be".

## Some men do plenty more than their share

In 'The Independent' this month a young mother complained that her working partner wasn't doing his bit at home. Hang on, says Stephen Cox, who works part-time and cares for his baby son, it's not like that at our house

the domestic load ended with "He should be doing more to help you -

lance career. We use a child-minder finds it hard to be fully involved. I



really see myself in this as the man." If I was working outside the home twelve hours a day, it would definitely affect what I did in the home. As I have to look at the kitchen floor in daylight, I am more

prompted to do something about it. What about the joy of looking after the children?" Sarah asks. Lots of it is tedious, but I do get uninterrupted playing time with Theo.

as she steps through the door. Sarah misses him dreadfully and

resents the idea that time with Theo is purely a chore. At least, she says, as a breast-feeding mum, she gets given the haby and a cup of tea as sooo The man doesn't have that.

Househusband Stephen

Cox with his son Theo.

His partner Sarah is the

He says: "Too much of

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come home from work, by Thursday so tired you feel your legs have been cut off," she says. We both know that I could meet

Sarah with a rolling pin and a list of chores, but that wouldn't do either of us any good. Sarah has pleoty more to say. "I'm sick of reading articles in The Independent by women complaining how hard it is, when they have nannies and cleaners. Ordering the servants around is such hard

What about housework and gender roles in those households where they can't afford to shove the work on to an employee? Too much of the writing by men is about how tough it is. (I use the hoover and deserve the Nobel Prize, etc). I doo't agree that, in the round, men have it harder. A career woman who gave up a well-paid job for erratic freelancing and house-care would find it as tough as I did, and she might feel as alienated from the support groups that exist.

Some of the childcare infrastructure can't quite cope with men attending weaning clinics, drop-ins, etc. To be quite honest, I'm too busy

"Write about how difficult it is to oo "Theo days" to worry about whether National Childbirth Trust teas will welcome me, or find it odd that I'm there.

Sarah gets evil looks from other women when I take the baby off to change a nappy. I also know couples 20 years ahead of us where the woman spent the first two years telling the man "No, you don't do it like that, let me do it..." and now complains that the man won't do anything unprompted.

Everything Sop by said in the article about negotiating is important. I hate to think how much oegotiating we have had to do re-

Her action plan is fine, as far as it stands. But why assume it is always the man who is not doing their share?



Results of the Independent-Scholastic Story of the Year competition - and the winning story - will be published in tomorrow's paper

## The woman who made country & western sexy

Nashville's big noises made her change her name and sing borrowed tunes, but Shania Twain found her own route to the top. By Ann Treneman

mous for about 15 minutes, that's not bad. For starters, there is that name. Shania (pronounced shaw-nye-ah) means "I'm on my body. "They said it was impossible," gushed FHM magazine. "They said it could never happen. But Shania Twain has made country and western music sexy!" Then there is the fact that she is Canadian and not boring (and not Celine either). And fourth? Oh yes, well, her second album, The Woman in Me, sold 13 million and her third, Come On Over, is among America's top five at the moment. Clearly, she'll be around for longer than 15 minutes.

But something is not right. The name, for starters. It is just too convenient. Then I find out her real name is Eileen. Yes! Eileen is a perfect name for a girl who grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in an extremely cold place called Timmins in northern Canada. I can see an Eileen performing in bars since she was eight, but I can't see a Shania doing this. Eileen

Twain seems a great name to me.

Nashville disagreed. "When I got my first record deal they told me that Eileen Twain didn't flow," she said. They wanted her to change her surname, but both her parents had died when she was 21 and she wanted to keep their name. She thought the name Shania was beautiful and claims not to have known its meaning. I'm oot sure we should believe her.

Except you have to believe her because, in person, she is utterly believable. The pouting babe who appears in FHM in black bra and a pinstrip suit arrives for our meeting looking pretty oormal in jeans and a leather jacket. She has a great laugh and is so down to earth that I'm afraid she may start composting at any moment. So what's with the sexy image? Shania shrugs. "It's kind of like dress-up for me. I don't take it seriously but I have fun with it. You know. I wasn't a girlie kid. I was a tomboy. It's not in my nature to be girlie even now."

But they don't just think you are a girlie, I say, they think you are a babe. "A baby?" two obvious ways: she is not American and is not ugly." Shania shrugs again. "Well, I am a girl so, I mean, I guess I look like a girl. But my mind is not girlie. I'm not a sugar and spice kind of girl at all. Really, I'm all about the nuts and bolts. My music isn't girlie either. It's pretty straight ahead and punchy and matter of fact."

Shania Twain is obsessed with her music and talks about it in a Holy Grail type of way. But her songs are an easy listening mix of new country, pop and rock. I wouldn't go so far as to call it "country schlock" as one reviewer did - country gets a lot schlockier than this! - but this is not Holy Grail stuff. It is immensely radio and listener-friendly, though, and Shania has the awards (Grammy, CMA etc) to prove it.

She talks as if her life depends oo music and in many ways her childhood did. She is one of five children. Her own father left early on - only to resurface when she became famous, of course - and the man who adopted her from the age of two was Ojibwa Indian.

Such a thing may sound colourful or on 1 June.

SHANIA TWAIN has several claims to even romantic in 1990s England but, in fame and, for someone who has been fa- northern Canada in the Seventies, it means that Eileen Twain grew up poor. "I don't have regrets. I wouldn't want to do it again though. My parents never way" in Ojibwa Indian. Then there is that owned a new car in their lives, they never owned a home. When I was a kid, I thought being rich was eating roast beef and living in a brick house."

Music was a passion and an obsession.
"I was a recluse. I locked myself away with my guitar. It was all I wanted to do," she says. Her parents took that obsession and turned it into a career. So, at the ridiculously young age of eight, she found herself singing for smoking and drinking adults.

Was this the musical equivalent of those parents who enter their children in beauty contests? "I'd rather compare it to an athletic child. This was not a superficial thing. I didn't like the performance side at age 10 or whatever. I couldn't have cared less if I shared my music. It was my own thing. But it was good that my parents developed it into a career. But I hated getting up at midnight to go do those clubs. I missed a lot of school too."

For a few years, she had to leave the club between sets. "When I was 11 the government actually gave me a permit that allowed me to do a full night from 9pm to lam. So from the age of I1, I was official." At 13, she got another job - at Mo-Donald's. "I worked there after school and then at night in a club. I think McDonald's was a great job. I think all kids should do something that regimented. I thought it was a great job to learn responsibility."

The word "responsible" comes up a lot. She couldn't have cared less about high school but decided she had to graduate. "It was the responsible thing to do." For five years she sang with bands in bars and toured in the winter and worked for her dad in the summer, leading a reforestatioo crew. That all ended wheo her pareots both died in a car crash and she returned to raise her brothers (then aged 14 and 13). She was 21.

A few years later, when her brothers had left home, she sold everything and sent she asks. No, babe, I say, I quote from FHM: a demo tape to a friend of a friend in "Shania is unlike your average crooner in Nashville. Within a month she had a deal. But, when she got there, she found that they didn't want Eileen's name or her music. They wanted someone named something else to record music by other people.

This Eileen/Shania did. "I'm a practical person. It's like, okay, I can do this. You know, it's a job. I'm not a purist. I'm a survivor. So I did it their way. I recorded that album with none of my own music. It didn't work and it wasn't a success. Then the man who would become my husband heard the album. He heard my story. So he called me and asked me to play some of the things I'd written."

The man was a producer named Robert John "Mutt" Lange. Six months later they were married and he produced the best-selling The Woman in Me. "I mean that really is it. I mean that was the end. I recorded my own music and life changed. That's it. That's my story." Now she is 32, rich and famous. That may be her story, but it's definitely not the end for a girl by any other name.

Shania Twain's new single, When, is released.



Shania Twain: Playing music was a childhood obsession. I was a recluse. I locked myself away with my guitar. It was all I wanted to do'

## Why champs really have to be vamps

So teenage tennis stars look like teeange film stars. What's wrong with that? By Melanie Rickey

LAST week, when the Lolita of women's tennis, Anna Kournikova, beat the world number out, Martina Lings, her performance on court, was, as usual, the last thing on the minds of the male journalists Instead, they questioned the

soon-to-be 17-year-old on her blonde, pigtail-swinging sexual allure, no doubt trying to determine whether she is aware of her effect on their groins. Never one to miss a beat (and perfectly aware of her effect on meo) she replied "Why should I have to look ugly just because I am an athlete?

Good point Anna. But what she glaringly failed to take into account is that she is, frankly, gorgeous, and couldn't look bad if she tried.

The soon-to-be 18-year-old Martina Hingis, on the other hand, like many muscle-bound

broad-shouldered players, can look a bit ropey mid-grunt. As husky voiced Kournikova flirted her way through her press conference, Hingis must have been secretly pleased that her own glamour rating was about to go through the roof. This is thanks to American GO, which features Hingis oo its June cover, looking like a cute soap opera starlet. "The Champ is a Vamp", trumpets the headline

These two locales are currently the stars of the women's tennis circuit, successors to Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova, the butch doyennes of the late Eighties and early Nineties game who, no matter how hard they tried and designer dresses, still ended up looking like men in drag. No-one seemed to care though, it was the tennis that counted,



make the most of their media exposure

changing in the world of women's tennis.

As prize money continues its ver upward spikal top should 50 per cent since 1990 - it is teenage girls such as Hingis, Kournikova and the Amazonian Williams sisters who are raising the game by with their looks and choice of clothes, rather than their personalities. Wheo the with their pink frosted lipstick watch is over, it seems, glamour is the order of the day.

It has been a long time coming. Jennifer Capriati and Monica Seles attempted the The Williams sisters would



right? Maybe, but things are glamour route but ended up

looking a bit silly: Capriati burnt out early after being caught smoking a joint, among other miskensonours. Seles gave it a shot - appearing in Hello! was perhaps her lowest

moment - and is now concen-

trating on her tennis again. Today's teeoage tennis prodigies have clever managers who are keeping a very close eye on their charges' development and, moreover, are selecting special image enhancing projects for their young stars.

never do Hello! - they do American Vogue instead. Kournikova is seen at all the right events: she was nicknamed a Spice Girl-alike by the tabloids, and hey presto turns up looking better than Posh, Sporty, Baby et al at the premiere of Spiceworld: The Movie.

Now it's Hingis's turn beace the CQ cover story. Someone decided she had to be perceived as a woman, not a "girl-next-door" type as she has been described. And it's not just the man-

agers pushing the glamour angle. The Lawn Tennis Association put Kournikova on Wimbledoo's centre court last summer to garact school in despite her low ranking (she is currently 47). TV viewing figures for the women's tournament at Wimbledoo went up 20 per cent and the tabloids (let's not forget them) went crazy snapping frilly knickers and hums. All good fun? Some doo't think so.

"Why the hell don't they just fed up with this exploitation of can't touch just yet.

sponse to the Hingis-goes-glamorous story. But the truth is that the teenagers in question are not being exploited unknowingly. Hingis talks about men, and growing up in the limelight as well as tennis in the GQ interview, and is clearly in her element as she poses for the camera showing her charage, thurst hooked in waistband, laughing hands-on-hip in a tiny dress.

Imagine it: you are nearly 18 (oearly an "official" woman) you earned \$3,400,196 last year, (before sponsorship deals with Tacchini, Opel and Yonex), you are the best woman tennis player in the world, but most of all you have given up your teenage years to get there. Why not get dressed up, dye your hair, play with make-up and wear pretty dresses? It's what almost every other teenage girl does. Hingis is just doing it so half the western world can catch a glimpse of her looking gorgeous while she is still the world oumber one. get on with playing tennis. I'm That's one thing Kournikova

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GORDON BENINGFIELD sued from the large, overflowwas an eloquent, influential advocate for the protection of the English countryside and its varied wildlife - and one of Britain's most talented, versatile wildlife and countryside

A Londoner by birth, the cldest son of a Thames lighterman, Beningfield showed a remarkable talent for drawing and painting from his earliest years, particularly in his drawings of Spitfires.

His academic career, in the village school at London Colney in Hertfordshire, where the family moved while the Second World War raged in London was, by his own admission, undistinguished. Nevertheless, his teacher, recognising his artistic talent, allowed him the opportunity to develop and on leaving school at 15 he was apprenticed as an ecclesiastical artist in St Albans, where his aptitude and ability to work with a wide variety of mediums from stained and engraved glass to wood carving, bronze sculpture, gold leaf, watercolours and oils - was refined and encouraged

Boyce, whom he had known since his early teens, and they set up home together in rural Hertfordshire. Beningfield worked hard to perfect his craft so that it seemed, to the casual observer, to be an easy thing to do, but the paintings, both in watercolour and oils, or the glass engraving and bronzes that is-

ing shed in the garden, were the result of meticulous research, exemplary care and a love of and pleasure in his chosen subjects. By the mid-1960s his watercolour paintings of countryside subjects were in such demand that he took the decision tu work fur himself. His first London exhibition of wildlife paintings in 1967 was an outstanding success.

Since childhood he enjoyed watching and collecting butterflies and was an excellent field entomologist. This knowledge and his particularity of technique with watercolours led to the publication of his first book, Beningfield's Butterflies. in 1978. I remember a well-known gallery owner telling him There's no market for butterfly pictures." Fortunately, Beninglield ignored this advice. The exhibition of original paintings from the hutterfly book was sold out on the preview day, and buyers had to put their names in a hat and wait to see if they'd been successful in getting the picture they wanted.

It is not surprising that Beningfield's paintings should be In 1958 he married Betty sought-after - they are exquisitc. He knew his subject so well that the butterflies seem almost to fly from the page. His work on butterflies and their vanishing habitats was recognised when he was invited to become President of the British **Butterfly Conservation Society** in 1989. His involvement in the society also led to a GPO



Beningfield out butterfly-catching in Water End, Hertfordshire 1980

A natural broadcaster, Ben-

British insects.

commission in 1981 for a set of the series Look Stranger and about painting the pictures for stamps depicting British but- some years later took part in Beningfield's book Hardy Counterflies, followed in 1985 by a several editions of the BBC Nat- try (1983) - was shown in cinefurther set of stamps showing ural History Unit's In The mas around Britain in 1985. Country series. He was an expert on 19th-century shepherds and ingfield appeared on a number their craft and contributed to of television programmes. In the One Man and his Dog. A film early 1970s he contributed to called A Brush with Hardy -

Arguably one of the finest glass engravers this century, between 1972 and 1994 Beningfield created no less than eight memorial windows for

the Guards Chapel. In recognition of his work, in 1995 he was elected a Freeman of the City of London and Liveryman of the Glass Sellers' Company,

Beningfield's public persona was that of a quiet, polite man.

wicked sense of fun. He was a delightful companion and until his final illness made it too difficult tu travel far, he and I explored the English countryside together, particularly his beloved Dorset, Thomas Hardy's Wessex Much of his finest work was inspired by the quiet coombs and deep ancient woodlands of the region hetween Dorchester and

Fortunately for lovers of his work, he was prolific - producing paintings and drawings to il-lustrate books including Beningfield's Countryside (1980). Hanty Landscapes (1990) and Beningfield's Woodlands (1993). He illustrated several poetry books -- Darkling Thrush (1985), Poems of the Countryside (1987). Green and Pleasant Land (1989) and Poems of the Season (1992)-In 1994 he completed a pictorial autobiography Gordon Beningfield. The Anist and His Work. His last book was Beningfield's English Villages (1996) and he was working on a book of Beninefield's Vanishing Song Birds at the time of his death.

1 first met Gordon Beningfield in 1968 at a fund-raising exhibition in aid of the World Wildlife Fund and even then his work stood out. Gordon himself accepted 1960s stereotype of an companion. artist. Tall, fair-haired and dressed in Harris tweed and highly polished brogues, he looked more the country solichut he had a marvellous sense itor or land agent. But his poof humour and a schoolboy's lite, seemingly diffident manner ters); died London 4 May 1998.

hid a steely determination to succeed both in art and in the conservation of his beloved English tandscape, and when it came to the defence of the countryside he loved he was a doughty adversary. For some-one who lacked a formal education he mastered the thrust and parry of debate impressively and caused politicians and members of the NFU alike to take notice.

His interests were many. He was an expert shot, stylish fly fisherman and a keen supporter of field sports - regarding them as an integral part of a healthy working landscape. He loved working dogs and owned a number of them, in particular deer hounds and border terriers. He had a life-long love of the Spitfire aeroplane; his interest in vintage cars too was long-standing and he owned two fine examples of early MG sports cars.

Beningfield Wood, planted four years ago on a Dorset hilltop, will mature and grow in stature as will Gordon Beningfield's reputation as one of Britain's finest wildlife and landscape artists, but for those who knew him, he will be remembered too as a delightful, generous person, a brilliant did not look or act at all like the naturalist and a matchless

**Dennis Furnell** 

Gordon George Beningfield, artist: born London 31 October 1936; married 1958 Betty Boyce (two daugh-

## The Rev Percy Coleman

EW priests of the Church of England have had the distinction of being seized by the lapels and shaken by Archhishop Geoffrey Fisher in the corridors of Church House but such was the fate of Frederick Philip (known to his friends as Percy) Coleman soon after he was elected to the Church Assembly as General Secretary of the Church Union in 1955.

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Coleman had a formidable reputation as an ecclesiastical politician working for the Anglo-Catholic cause. He became an éminence grise during a period of profound change in the Chuica out he was also con spicuous for pastoral gifts as a parish priest and was a much sought confessor and spiritual director.

Educated at Ealing County School, he read economics under Lionel Robbins at the London School of Economics where he failed to obtain a First because of his difficult handwriting. It did not subsequently improve. From early life Coleman was a strong churchman and as a layman was active in the parish of Holy Cross, Greenford, where he trained the choir. In the early Thirties he went

to France where he was keenly influenced by the organised association of factory workers in the Roman Catholic Church known as the Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne (Jocists), or in English-speaking countries as the Young Christian Workers. His interest in the analysis of contemporary society found fulfilment in the Christian Socialist Anglo-Catholic summer school of Sociology. After a period working in university administration he went up to St Stephen's House, Oxford, in 1938 to read for holy orders and

was ordained in 1940. Two curacies followed, one at St Alphege, Southwark, until 1942 where he was noticed for his courage during the blitz, followed by six years at St Stephen's, Lewisham. Then came four years as vicar of St Antholin's, Nunhead, which he rebuilt after the war, and three years as a member of the Company of Mission Priests in the immense urban parish of

Ellesmere Fort, in Cheshire. His career seemed set fair for the parochial ministry and it was a subject of grief to some of his friends when his life took



Coleman in St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, Blackfriars

was a man of considerable intellectual ability and it was for this reason, as much as for his Anglo-Catholic convictions, that he was persuaded to become the General Secretary of the Church Union in 1955. The Church Union represented the organised political wing of the Anglo-Catholic Movement. ...

The membership consisted

of progressive and conservative elements. Coleman was of a far higher mental ability than the rank and file and this frequently led to misunderstanding and sometimes mistrust. He had a speculative mind and was deeply influenced by the French Catholic Theological Revival, At a time when Liberal Protestantism began to assume prominence in the Church of England he maintained n reasoned Liberal Catholic position. He welcomed the election of Pope John XXIII in 1958 and eagerly embraced the positive results of the Second Vaucan Council and saw their implications for

Anglicanism. But Coleman was not merely a radical who applied change for its own sake. He was firmly grounded in scripture and tra-

an unexpected turn. Coleman truly radical you had to have strong doctrinal foundations. With Yves Congar he saw tradition as a dynamic rather than static force and recognised the development of Christian doctrine. His annual journeys to France and counections with the University of Louvain and the Archdiocese of Malines, in Belgium, forged serious ecu-

menical bonds; but he was dis-

appointed that his experience

was not needed in official ecu-

menical activities. Coleman's francophile sympathies nevertheless presented problems. He tended to think that the Church of England started from the same position as the French Church, which it did not, and neither did the then enclosed position of the Roman Catholic Church in England.

This led him to look at the gains of the Anglo-Catholic complacency. He thought that most of the battles had been vanced Sunday school that met won and despaired of a on Sunday afternoons and atwilling to recognise that Catholicism had to a great extent sunk into the bones of An- to exercise a purely intellectuglicanism, a view shared by al apostolate. He ran a Bible some Roman Catholic ecu-

campaign and deepen the gains make allowances for the diversocial justice put him at variance the Earl of Lauderdale, a all over the country. staunch Conservative.

supported the Anglican- post he held until 1982. Methodist Conversations and cations failed to produce the 75 don Bach Choir. He had a per cent majority needed to pass a scheme of union.

His views were sharply at variance with the majority of He saw no theological objections to the ordination of sense of humour and remained women and in later life came to a champion of the underdog. regard the presidency of a woman at the altar as the most natural thing in the world. Coleman left the Church

Union in 1968 and became Warden of the Community of St John the Baptist, Clewar, a religious order for women. Many convents had used him for retreats and spiritual direction and valued his mastery of the spiritual life. During this time he established close connections with the enclosed orders at Pairacres, Oxford, and Burnham Abbey. He undertook the direction of the Society of the Hidden Life, a hody of devout laywomen fostered by the Society of the Sisters of Bethany. Many remained devoted to him for the rest of his life, Coleman retained the Wardenship of Clawar until 1979 but in 1971 he accepted the living of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, Black-

friars, and held both in plurality. It was in the City that Coleman exercised a varied and distinctive ministry. Ivor Bulmer-Thomas, a churchwarden, want-Movement with an element of ed him because of the adult educational work of the Addefensive mentality that was un-

and people from far and wide. But Coleman was not willing class for the telephonists and endition and believed that to be menists. He wanted Anglo- gineers of the Farringdon tele-

Christopher Bland, chairman, Board

Catholicism to cease to be a phone exchange, worked pastorally in the institutions withon a normative basis in the in the parish, took an interest parishes of England. He did not in the Mermaid Theatre and was active in Sion College, St sity of much Anglican eu- Andrew's became the base for charistic belief. His support of a ministry of preaching, lecturing, the confessional and rewith the President of the Union, treat-conducting that took him

Coleman was an elegant Second to Pope John XXIII writer and edited the influential (at whose death in 1963 he theological periodical, Faith wept) Coleman's hero was and Unity, from 1955 until it Archbishop Michael Ramsay. It ceased publication in 1978. In was in the wake of Ramsay's ec. 1979 he was appointed Area umenical objectives that he Dean of the City of London; a Coleman was cultivated

was distressed that the Convo-well-read and sang in the Longreat gift for friendship, gencrosity of spirit, a Gallic appreciation of food (he could entice the most delicious meals members of the Church Union. from simple ingredients), a ready (if sometimes derisive)

Although at the height of his powers many were perplexed and sometimes made indignant by his stance, subsequent events demonstrated that essentially he had kept his finger on the pulse of the Church and his standpoint was vindicated. But some of his critics who did not share his optimism about the future of a Catholic expression of Anglicanism felt that he was the Edward Heath of the movement and had misjudged the political moment that led to a weakening of the Catholic position.

For the last 14 years of his life Coleman lived contentedly at the Charterhouse and acted as honorary curate of St Botolph's, Aldgate. He continued to act as a confessor and spiritual director until prevented from doing so by Parkinsonism. When he was asked what he would leave behind him when he died he said, quite accurately, "A number of distraught ladies."

Anthony Symondson Sj Frederick Philip (Percy) Coleman, priest born Greenford, Middlesex II September 1911; ordained deacon 1940, priest 1941; Vicor of St Anthein's, Nunhead 1948-52, Elesmere Port 1952-55; General Secretary, Church Union 1955-68; Worden, Community of St John the Baptist, Clewar 1968-79; Rector, St Andrewby-the-Wordrobe, Blackfriars 1971-84; died London 14 April 1998.

### Professor R. J. G. Savage

R.J.G. SAVAGE held the position of Professor of Vertebrate Palaeontology at Bristol University for ten years. His knowledge of his field was vast. His interests in fossils extended from the Cretaceous to the Pleistocene, the diversity of life from ammonites to carnivores, and he worked a buge variety of sites

ranging from Australia to Skye. Bob Savage first went to Africa to work on some Kenyan Miocene siles in 1955. From then on, seldom a year passed without his travelling abroad either to work on museum collections or to make collections used. His first visit to North Africa was in 1957, and his succeeding field expeditions to Libya in the Sixties were perhaps his most successful.

In 1971 he began working on the Mid-Jurassic in Skye where he discovered Britain's earliest mammals. He continued this field work through the Seventies, taking three field seasons off (1974-76) to work a Miocene site at East Turkana in Kenya. His field work took him to many other countries and continents including Venezuela, Australia, India, Pakistan, Persia (now Iran), Israel, southern Europe,



and Soviet Central Asia, His museum visits included research trips to Moscow, western Australia and the United States.

Savage published extensively on his work. As well as editing a number of symposia reports, he was the editor of an excellent series, Fossil Vertebrates of Africa (1970-76), that he started with his wife Shirley and my father, L.S.B. Leakey. Savage married Shirley Coryndon - an expert in fossil hippopotami - in 1969, having met her in Kenya.

Methodist College, Belfast and Welsey College, Dublin. He graduated in 1948 with a BSc in Zoology from Queen's University, Belfast and the following year obtained a First in Geology, also at Queen's, His PhD was awarded by University College London in 1953, a year after he had taken up his first academic position as Assistant Lecturer in Geology at Queen's University, Belfast.

In 1954 he moved to Bristol University as Lecturer in Geology and Curator of the Geology Museum. Nineteen sixty-six saw his promotion to Reader in Vertebrate Palaeontology and in 1982 he was promoted to Professor of the same department. He remained there until his retirement in 1992.

During his years at Bristol. Savage was actively engaged with numerous organisations and committees both within the university and the country. His enthusiasm for field work gave him opportunity to work closely with the University's Expeditions Committee (1963-77) and he was the President of married 1969 Shirley Coryndon (nee Bristol University's Speleolugical Society from 1977 to 1989.

His enthusiasm and excitement for palaeontology, in particular, left a lasting impression on all his associates.

Bob Savage had a superb sense of humour and was seldom without a twinkle in his eye that belied his rather severe exterior. Nothing pleased him more than to set his guests before his fireplace after dinner and then test their knowledge of addities - fragments of fossils that were not easy to identify even to body part, let alone taxon! He was always delighted if his guests He was born in Northern failed the jest but equally excit-Ireland in 1927 and educated at ed should they take a wild guess

and identify his specimen. After his retirement, Savage took an increasing interest in the work of the National Trust, to which he devoted considerable time between his election as a member of the Council in 1980 until his death when he was President of the Bristol Centre. He was acutely concerned and well informed about the challenges of conservation strategies both in the UK and abroad.

Bob Savage's exuberance and enthusiasm for life influenced all who knew him, particularly the many students he taught during 40 years. He was one of a vanishing breed: a quintessential scientist, a teacher, a naturalist and a gentleman.

Richard E. Leakey

Robert Joseph Gay Savage, palaeontologist: born Belfast 2 July 1927; Assistant Lecturer in Geology, Queen's University, Belfast 1952-54; Lecturer in Geology and Curator of the Geology Museum, Bristol University 1954-66, Reader in Vertebrate Palaeontology 1966-82, Professor of Vertebrate Palaeontology 1982-92; Wilson; died 1976; two stepdaughters); died Bristol 9 May 1998.

#### **Professor Boris Ford**

does not refer to the pre-1950 years, writes N.P. Thomas. Ford was the leading figure of the wartime Army Bureau of Current Affairs set up to enlighten soldiers about the poviewed with some suspicion by the generals. At the end of the war Ford and some of his col-

uary of Boris Ford [27 May] selves as the civil Bureau of Cur- ure was there, he phoned the lobecoming a resource centre for adult education.

At the time I was a neighbour and he told me this story. His wife remarked on a charlitical aspects of the war. It was acter who regularly lurked outside their house. They thought it might be some criminal "casing the joint". One day when

DONALD MITCHELL's obit- leagues reconstituted them- Boris was at home and the figrent Affairs with the aim of cal police station who said they would send a car round. As the house numbering was confusing in our area, Boris said he would meet them at the bottom of the road. This he did, but no sooner had be got in their car when the telephone came to life and he clearly heard the message

#### DEATHS

EWELL: Peter Arundel, on 23 May 8. Much loved by all his family. eral at Fen Ditton Parish Church. Funeral at Fen Ditton Parish Church, Cambridge, Monday I June, 3.30pm. Flowers to Cambridge Funetal Services, 617 Newmarket Road,

WILKIE: On 21 May, Douglas Robert Wilkie PRS, Emerius Professor of Experimental Physiology is the Uni-versity of London, Much loved father versay of London. Much loven hancs of Andrew, father-in-law of Jane and grandfather of Oscar. Funeral service at St Michael's Church, Highgate. No on Friday 5 June at 2pm, followed by parate burial. Family flowers only but donations to RNLI or Research Defence Society c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd, t Denmark Terrace, London N2

#### BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

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#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. F. Brailsford and Miss A. L. Roberts

The engagement is announced be-tween Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Brailsford, of Lancing, West Sussex, and Abigail, ekler daughter of Mr C.W. Roberts, of Lon-don SE16, and Mrs J.C.Q. Roberts, of Elvanfoot, Lanarkshire.

#### Birthdays

Mr Colin Amery, architectural writer and historian, 54; Mr Michael Berkeley, composer and broadcaster, 50: Sir Douglas Black, physician, 85; Sir

of Governors, BBC, 60; Mr Quentin Davies MP, 54; Sir Jeremy Elwes, hairman, St Heller NHS Trust, 61; Mr Rupert Everett, actor, 39; Lt-Gen Sir Martin Garrod, former Commandant General, Royal Marines, 63; Sir Anthony Grant, former MR, 73; Miss Linda Esther Gray, opera singer, 50; Sir Robin Haydon, former mat, 78; Sir John Herbecq, former civil servant, 76; Sir Trevor Holdsworth, former chairman, National Power, 71; Mr Bob Hope, acfor and comedian, 95; Professor Robert Knox, bacteriologist, 94; Sir James Marionbanks, former ambassador, 87; The Earl of Morley, Lord-Lientenant of Devon, 75; Miss

Nanette Newman, actress and writer, 59; Mr Terry Pavey, former editor, TV' Times, 55; Mr Francis Rossi, rock singer and guitarist, 49; Mr Alwin Schockemohle, showjumper, 61; Mr Doug Scott, mountaineer, 57; Mr Carl Toms, stage designer, 71; Professor Louis Wain, agricultural sci-entist, 87; General Sir Richard Worsley, former Quarter Master General 75: Mr Januis Xenakis. composer, architect and engineer, 76.

#### **Anniversaries**

Births: Sarah Jennings, Duchess of Marlborough, 1660, Gilbert Keith Chesterion, author, 1874; John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th US presi-

Davy, scientist and inventor of the miners' safety lamp, 1829; Sir William Schwenck Gilbert, librettist and playwright, died after saving a young woman from drowning, 1911; John Barrymore (Blythe), actor, 1942; Mary Pickford (Gladys Mary Smith). actress. 1979; Jacqueline Kennedy Ouassis (Jacquetine Lee Bouvier). publisher, 1994. On this day: Constantinople fell to the Turks, 1453; the evacuation from Dunkirk began, 1940; Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing reached the summit of Mount Everest, 1953. Today is Cor-

ous Christi and the Feast Day of St

Bernard of Montjoux or Menthon,

St Cyril of Caesarea, St Maximious

dent, 1917. Deaths: Sir Humphry

of Trier, Saints Sisinnius, Martyrius and Alexander, St Thuodosia of Constantinople and Saints William Stephen, Raymund and their

#### Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath

begins in London at 8.51pm. United Symagogues: 0181-343 8989. Federation of Symagogues: 0181-302 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Symagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Symagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Symagogues gogues of Great Britain: 0181-349 4731. Spanish and Processing 1181-349 4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congre-gation; 0171-289 2573. New London Synagogue (Masorti): 0171-328 1026.

**ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS** ROTAL ENGAGEMENTS
The Dufee of York visis St Petersburg, Russia, Prince Edward, Fauron, attends a concert given by the London Musan Physics at the Fairfield Halth. Cropton, Survey, The Princeas Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Legistic Corpusits Daton Barracks, Alongston, Oxfordeliner, and attends a Women's Royal Voluntary Service tea party to mark their Diamond Judisles at Dahon Barracks. The Deshe of Kanst, President, Royal Institution of Green Britain, attends a discourse given by Professor Peter Day at Albertarie St. Lendon W1.

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## The "third way" must go further

IN ALL the big policy decisions he has made since the election, the Prime Minister has steered a middle course with such skill that we can only stand back and admire. In two Budgets, in his huddling under, but just outside. the skirts of European monetary union, in his splitting the difference between the TUC and the CBI on the question of trade union representation, and now in setting the minimum wage, he has found the "third way". In each case he made it look like a principled position, not a compromise

Tony Blair has been much mocked for promoting the "third way" as an ideology. When he invited a collection of academics to Downing Street for a seminar on the subject recently. Roy Hattersley, his former patron, was cutting. Since the "third way" was the ideology of the New Labour Government, he said, it was no had thing to try to work out what it was. Clever historians have rushed to point out that the "third way" has been adopted as a label by all manner of anarchists, fascists and Trotskyists over the years. And any casual Blair-watcher can spot the contradiction between the virulent anti-intellectualism of Alastair Campbell and the cerebral speeches drafted by the Number 10 policy unit setting out Mr Blair's vision for a global politics of the "radical centre".

But we come not to mock. Big talk-ins about the "third way" with President Bill Clinton and a bunch of his policy wonks at Chequers and the White House may be more about cementing the special relationship than a joint ideological crusade modelled on that of Reagan and Thatcher. And the idea of an over-arching ideology may contradict Mr Blair's pragmatic insistence on "what works", his hostility to dogma and his obsession with huilding the hroadest possible coalitions of support.

Nevertheless, everything which has been described as the "third way" turns out to be remarkably close to the positions adopted by this newspaper since its foundation. We have always been committed to a dynamic free-market economy, combined with social responsibility. We have argued for the open-minded search for policy answers, "radical" in the sense that they should pay no heed to pre-conceived notions of left and right. We have been pro-European while entertaining doubts about the quality of Europe's democracy - matching our concern for modernising and democratising the rickety institutions of our own nation state. None of this adds up to a "way", first, second or third, hut it makes sense for our times.

If a new brand of politics emerges from this government, though, it will be defined by how it meets the challenges to come, especially that of welfare reform. What seems lacking from the Prime Minister's seminars is the intellectual amhioon to tackle such a subject with the vigour it deserves. So, while the Government bas so far taken well-judged positions at the centre of the established consensus on much-discussed policies, the "third way" peters out rather quickly when we try to follow it into the future.

## A dangerous game of leapfrog in the dark

WHICH came first? The Indian test, or Pakistan's plan to explode a nuclear device? The Pakistani test, or Pakistan's claim that India was about to attack the test site? The chicken or the egg? Arms races are like that: a game of leapfrog in the dark. India's defiance of world opinion two weeks ago looks less one-sided now. It may be many years before we know the true story, but it is possible that India's test was at least partly prompted by the knowledge that Pakistan was preparing its own. What the Pakistani show of force demonstrates beyond doubt, however, is that the arms race on the Indian subcontinent is driven by its own internal logic, impervious to appeals from the outside world.

We have evened the account with India," said Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani prime minister. That simple statement explains why the pleas from Bill Clinton and Tony Blair for Pakistan to show restraint fell on deaf ears. But evening the account does not mean closing it. It means that both sides have reached an enhanced state of readiness for ouclear war: what matters now is the stability of the stand-off between India and Pakistan.

The trouble is that as more and more countries possess nuclear weapons, the greater the chance that, one day, someone somewhere will press a button with terrible consequences. However, the only practical way to minimise that danger is to proceed step by negotiated step to build up the international apparatus of treaties and arms control inspection.

The tests of recent weeks will have two contradictory effects: on the one hand, they will spur both countries to build up their military strength, hut, on the other, they make it easier for both countries to sign the international treaties to ban further tests and to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons technology still further. Pakistan has always offered to sign if India will and, to that extent, Mr Sharif's talk of "evening of the account" offers hope that a plateau of mutual deterrence has been reached.

## Dishing up disaster

WHEN Sky TV bought up Premiership football, football fans feared that once Rupert Murdoch had hooked them, he would charge them through the nose to watch their teams. No, no. said Sky. Pay your subscription and that will be that. Then it put boxing on "pay per view", so you pay your subscription and then you pay again to watch the fight. Now it proposes an "experiment" to put four Premiership games a week on pay-per-view this September. The Premier League chairman should throw the plans out at their meeting today. They should listen to their fans, and listen very carefully 10 Mr Murdoch. If they listen hard enough, they will hear what he is really saving: "Trust me. I'm a monopolist."



#### Training Indonesia's army

Sir. The principled opposition of Peter Carey (letter, 26 May) to the brutality of the Indonesian army and its frequent violations of buman rights has, over the years, been much admired by those of us who know Indonesia well. On this occasion, however, when he condemns the Centre for Security Studies at Hull University for providing courses for senior Indonesian military of ficers, one cannot help feeling that his desire to draw attention to past atrocities has clouded his judge-ment in relation to the potential merits of what Hull is doing.

Dr Carey and I both agree that it is important to exert pressure and influence to persuade the military in Indonesia to adopt a different approach to what they regard as civil unrest and what we see as the legitimate expression of political dissent. Surely one good way to try to exert such influence is through dialogue of the kind which is created through the opportunity of having senior officers attending courses in this country, where they will almost certainly be exposed to arguments and debates about buman rights, civil liberties and democratic freedoms. Does the teaching staff in Hull not have this

It is my experience that senior Indonesian military figures at this level. however much they may disagree with the opinions of others, are quite happy to listen and debate.

Dr CW WATSON Department of Anthropology Eliot College University of Kent at Canterbury

#### Paisley and the Queen

Sir: The Rev Ian Paistey appears to have just discovered what has been the constitutional convention at least since the reign of Queen Victoria: on political matters Her Majesty speaks on the advice of her

Mr Paisley's surprise ("Queen is attacked as 'foolish' by Paisley", 27 May) illustrates the fact that his "loyalism" is to a Britain which has not existed for a long time. The sooner he decides his attitude to the Britain which ex-

### **LETTERS**

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to enter into dialogue with him. House of Lords London SWI

Sir: Under the Single Transferable Vote system, voters get one vote, not six, as stated by in your article "SDLP says no to poll deal with Sinn Fein" (26 May), bence "single".

Should the voter's first preference not be elected, the vote is "transferred" to the second, and subsequent, preferences. Sinn Fein is therefore suggesting that their supporters consider ranking Ulster ately behind the Sinn Fein candidates, i.e. the Ulster Unionists would only benefit if the Sinn Fein candidate did not get in.

LAWRIE O'CONNOR Wakefield, West Yorkshire

#### Music on the Internet

Sir: Wendy Grossman's comment and your news article (28 May) both miss a couple of technological points when discussing the availability of music via the Internet.

The music downloaded in MP3 format is not CD quality. MP3 is a compression algorithm, the use of which reduces the storage space required to 10 per cent of that required for CD-quality music, but which inevitably affects the quality of the music in doing so. Furthermore, nace downloaded, the MP3 file is only playable on a computer. It cannot be played in the car, while jogging, or in any nf the other situations in which most people listen to music.

In campaigning against the distribution of MP3s, the music industry is targetting a very small minority of people who are in fact their greatest market. These people are music fans, who probably already if they hear a song they like via the

The Internet is therefore exposing people to music they might not otherwise have heard; surely this is good news for the music business? MARK VARDY

#### Pay figures don't add up

Sir: You explain ("Inflation rise fuels fear over pay claims", 20 May), that according to Treasury figures UK inflation bas risen from 3.5 per cent in the year to March 1998 to 4 per cent in the year to April 1998.

The Treasury suggests that this is nothing to worry about, because ris- Sir: Your leading article "Arms and ing inflation has been caused by tax the rectoric of ethics" (26 May) ironed out of the inflation figures. Out the obvious truth that the only March Budget, and council tax increases. These tax increases yield over £2.5bn a year between them, equivalent to raising the cost of the average household budget by around 0.5 per cent.

It is separately reported that the Chancellor is urging employees to show restraint in their pay demands. Presumably the Treasury's next trick will be to suggest that employees do not need to take the buusehold budget increase into account when formulating wage demnnds - on the grounds that the increase will be statistically ironed out and will never actually have to be paid. M C FITZPATRICK Head of Economics Chantrey Vellacots

#### We don't want to inhale

Sir: You state (leading article, 27 May) that the solution to the public smoking issue must remain votown substantial CD collections and, untary. But who will be the BD SKINNER volunteers? Those of us whn detest

ists now, the sooner we will be able Internet, would then buy it on CD. the smell of smoke? How can we volunteer not to inhale?

> The evidence for and against the detrimental effects of passive smoking may be inconclusive, but should we not err on the side of caution? Should the smokers' case be proven in the future then they may have suffered a discomfort for a few years, being unable to smoke wherever they wanted. Should our case be proven. we may be dead. TIM SHORT

Reading, Berkshire

#### The ethics of arms sales

increases which will in due course be spends half a column failing to point The inflation rise reflects the cut in ethical policy on selling arms is not mortgage interest tax relief, the to do it at all. Attempts to be just a hike in fuel duties announced in the little bit ethical - like attempts to be just a little bit pregnant - are always doomed to failure, as Robin Cook's well-meaning contortions demonstrate.

Whether the world - let alone British industry - is ready for such a policy is another question, but let us be clear about what we are aim-

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#### Back to front

Sir: When General MacArthur landed in Takyo bay after taking the Japanese surrender, the troops lining his route were ordered to turn their backs as he was driven into the city. When asked by the outraged Americans to explain this discourtesy, the Japanese officers explained that it was a mark of respect, the soldiers not heing allowed to look upon so great a conqueror.

t do hope our old boys understand the message they're sending.

#### Life is sweet at fifty

Sir: Further to Bel Mooney's thoughts on "How it really feels to be fifty" (28 May), berewith a list of the benefits of celebrating your 50th birthday (mine's oo 11 June if anyone wants to send gifts): 1. You aren't dead.

2. You survived the Sixties and Seventies and can lie about going to Beatles / Stones / Status Quo concerts before the old rockers got 3. You can purport to be wise and

worldly when you're really just as confused as everyone else. 4. If men are still salivating over Julie Christie, aged 57, you've got a

seven-year standing start. My glass isn't half empty... it's half full. HEATHER MOORE

Kenilworth, Warwickshire

#### Albania's wise words

Sir: Three cheers to Meges Koepek (letter, 21 May) for his denunciation of the glib Miles Kington's disparaging remarks about Albanian proverbs. As a man who comes from a country which specialises in Iudicrous maxims, Mr Kington has a cheek to criticise other nations. Even the most primitive of surgeons would not assert that "the way to a man's beart is through his stomach", and if John Kettley told viewers that "every cloud has a silver lining" he would be ejected from the meteorological society.

As my Albanian godfather is fond of saying: "Dung beetles will settie in a mouth that is forever open." LATSZI RUZNIK Purton, Wiltshire

#### When the music stops

Sir: Nick Kimberley, reviewing Sound Affairs at the Purcell Room (26 May) writes about "the trouble with watching someone dance naked". I think Sir Robert Helpmann put it succinctly when be said, "The trouble with nude dancing is that not everything stops when the music PATRICK ROWE

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## Trial and error: the case that's putting the principle of passive suffering to the test



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A most extraordinary case is going on in the Counsel: Not if I can help it. High Court at the moment, which seeks to create a new offence called "passive suffering". Here is an extract from vesterday's enlightening proceedings...

Counsel: Your name is ...? Plaintiff: Is it strictly necessary to know my

Counsel: Yes, Mrs Whittaker, it is. Plaintiff: Ah, you know my name already! Counsel: Of course I do. This is a piece of court formality in which we have to establish that you are indeed the plaintiff. Plaintiff: Yes, I am indeed the plaintiff. Counsel: And your name is ...?

Plaintiff: The name you have just mentioned. Counsel: Mrs Whittaker? Plaintiff: Indeed.

Counsel: Of 39, Bloomdale Avenue? Plaintiff: That very address. Do you ever ask questions to which you do not know Plaintiff: I see. And what is your name?

Counsel: I beg your pardon? Plaintiff: What is YOUR name? It seems

nnly fair that if you, the defending counsel, should stop at nothing to establish the plaintiff's name, the plaintiff should have the right to cross-examine counsel until he admits to his name.

Counsel: It is most unusual. Plaintiff: I feel sure it would be easier for me to answer your questions if I could put a name to my interrogator. Judge: She's got a point, George, Tell her

your name and let's get on with it. Counsel: My name is George Hansbury. Plaintiff: And what is your home address? Judge: Mrs Whittaker, I have to agree that this line of questioning is rather unusual. May I ask the purpose of it?

Plaintiff: Yes, my Lord. It is customary for counsel to try to unsettle witnesses with a

series of unexpected and probing though Plaintiff: No. probably quite trivial questions. I thought t was time a witness tried to unsettle a borrister with the same tactics.

Judge: Excellent notion! I like the cut of your jib, Mrs Whittaker. Carry on! Connsel: Now, Mrs Whittaker, next door to you at No 39 Bloomdale Avenue there lives a Mrs Norman, does there not? Plaintiff: No. Counsel: No!

Plaintiff: No. She lives next door at Nn 37. Counsel: Ahl Yes, that is what I meant. Plaintiff: It is not what you said. Counsel: Isn't it?

Indge: She's got you rattled, George. I think we've got a game on our hands here. Counsel: About eight months ago Mrs Norman had a burglary, did she not? Plaintiff: Had a burglary in what sense?

Counsel: In the sense that a burglar broke

in and stole things.

Counsel: Nu? Plaintiff: He did not break in. He opened the back door and went in. Counsel: Technically, in legal language, that constitutes a break-in.

Plaintiff: You may taik technical legal language among your colleagues if you wish. I prefer to talk English. Counsel: My Lord, I appeal to you! The plaintiff is being very obstructive.

Plaintiff: She is heing very entertaining. Counsel: This burglary caused great distress to Mrs Norman, did it nut? Plaintiff: It may well have done. It certainly caused a great deal of distress to me. Counsel: I don't quite understand that.

Plaintiff: Mrs Norman had a face-to-face encounter with the burglar, who threatened her with violence before running off. This put her in a recurrent state of shock for weeks, so I, as her neighbour, thought it

best to talk her through it as often as possible. They say it belps a lot to talk. Counsel: And did it?

Plaintiff: It helped her. She gradually got over it. But I didn't. I started to take her worries on board. I started having dreams about violence and burglary. As Mrs Norman put the whole thing behind her, I started to sieep badly, and became depressed. I had become a victim of passive suffering. Counsel: And so you are suing Mrs Norman on the grounds that you are suffering from her suffering? Plaintiff: I certainly am.

Judge: I am finding it hard to follow this. Perhaps if we adjourned for kinch now, and you were to join me, Mrs Whittaker, you could tell me more about it?

Plaintiff: My Lord, that might be construed as being prejudicial to a fair outcome. Judge: Might it? Yes, I see your point. (More of this crucial trial on Monday, I hope.)

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### Jobs, not wages, are what really matter to Blair and Brown



#### DONALD MACINTYRE

TWENTY YEARS ago, to mark the end of a nine-week-loog firemeo's strike Terry Parry, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, bought himself a racing greyhound. In hooour of the settlement - which linked firemen's pay to the top segment of male manual workers' earnings and which still holds good today - he called the beast Upper Quartile. But then Parry was entitled to his stylish celebration. Not many strikes over pay ended in such unambiguous triumph, even then.

For all the common assumptions routinely repeated about the unhridled power of the trade unions in the late Seventies, the firemen's victory was actually a rather rare event, borne in large part of the unique public popularity deservedly enjoyed by the firemen themselves.

That rarity value was part of what very gradually persuaded the trade unions that their outright hostility to a statutory minimum wage was misplaced. The unions frequently found it difficult to use their collective muscle to deliver on wages at any level; at the lowest end of the income scale, even more so. Yet now that (some) union leaders are complaining that a figure of £3.60 an hour is much too low, it's worth remembering how long and how vigorously many of them opposed the idea of having any kind of minimum wage, high or low.

True, Rodney Bickerstaffe's Nupe, now part of Unison, had long and honourably been in favour. But the Transport and General Workers Unioo used its block vote, year after year, to ensure that until 1986 the Labour Party conference maintained outright oppositioo to a minimum wage. Its reasons were dressed up as the ancient doctrine that the state had no place in what used to be called free collective bargaining. The reality was the haunting fear that if workers were entitled to a minimum wage, they might not feel the oeed to be in trade unions at all,

This fear was largely misplaced. Many of the potential gainers from the minimum wage were employees in small private sector businesses that functioned in a buyers' labour market and and in which unions had anyway been unwilling, or unable, to organise. For such men and womeo the alternative was not minimum wages or the union, but minimum wages or no protection at all. Nevertheless, misplaced or oot, the fear was a potent one.

Yet having missed the point in the 1970s and 1980s, the unions are in serious danger of missing the point again. First, if their inteotion in attacking the rates recommended by Professor George Bain's Low Pay Commissioo is to stop the Government tampering with them by being more cautious still, then they are unlikely to succeed. It's a safe bet that the adult rate of £3.60 an hour will be implemented intact. But there is much more doubt over whether the proposal for a

differential youth rate of £3,20, confined to workers between 18 and 21, will survive the intense ministerial scrutiny that will continue oext week.

There are two views in government. One is that Professor Bain - having been asked by the Government to take into account the case for exempting (or at least fixing a lower rate for) workers between the age of 16 and 25 has come up with a considered answer, and his recommendations should be followed. But I would be surprised if either Tony Btair or Gordon Brown swallow this argument without testing it to destruction.

The international evidence is that the greatest risk to jobs from the imposition of a minimum wage is among young workers. Whitchall officials have already calculated that the proportion of younger workers affected by the Commission recommendations is well over twice as large as that of adult workers. And this comes at a time when ministers are single mindedly pursuing their goal of ending youth unemployment through the windfall tax-financed New Deal,

If Brown and Blair judge that the proposed youth rate is high enough - or the age range covered by it narrow chough - to jeopardise that particular election pledge, they will put the brakes on aod call for an even more restrictive regime for younger workers. But the Commission's union critics could have even more to complain about before the issue is

This is just where those critics risk missing the point. The trade uoion movement's historic error - which a handful of its leaders are now io danger of repeating - is to equate its

> Union leaders are now in danger of repeating the movement's historic error

own members' interests or worse, its own institutional interests, with that of the most vulnerable segments of society as a whole. Those unioo leaders who go through the motions of re-iterating demands for a rate of £4.61 ignore substantial evideoce that one above £4 would cost significant numbers of jobs - and in the process risk charges that they are hypocritically ignoring the interests of those who are oot in unions because they are oot in work.

The minimum wage is part of a bigger programme - from Gordon Brown's improved inwork beoefits to reduction of national insurance cootributions for low paid workers - designed to make work pay. No-one can know yet how will it will work If it fails the Blair administration will rightly be harshly judged. But in the meantime unions should be a little less curmudgeo hugely historic step.

From time to time, the Government will no doubt credibly be accused of forgetting the weak at the expense of the strong. That argument woo't stick here. If jobs are lost, it will be the weakest, core voters even, who will suffer most. Socialism - or eveo social justice -isn't by definition, as Herbert Morrison claimed, what Labour governments do. But oeither is it merely what union leaders want.

## If we act now to save the rouble, we will be helping ourselves too



RICHARD LAYARD

FED BY THE ASIAN contagion, investors are beginning to run from the rouble. But a devaluatioo would be disastrous for Russia's oew reform government. The West must act, and quickly.

Russia is not like Thailand or Malaysia. Last year it had a balance of payments surplus and, after the fall in the oil price, the deficit this year will be under 2 per cent of GDP. Tax collection is better than in the first part of last year, and the budget deficit has been halved. The new reform government established before Easter is better than its predecessor.

So why the crisis? There are of course some Russia-specific features. Wages arrears are still bad and have led to serious strikes, followed by promises of extra spending. At the same time the oil price fall was bad for tax receipts. All this fuelled fears of higher budget delicits. But these fears have proved wrong in the past and are eveo less plausible now,

There is much wrong with the Russian ecocomy. It is over-regulated, the mafia has a strangle hold, and barter is pervasive. But these issues are irrelevant to today's issue, which is whether the rouble is overvalued.

The rouble has been well managed for the last three years and this has brooght important stability to Russia, Despite complications from parts of industry, Russia has achieved export earnings sufficient to pay for its oceds. And inflatioo has come down to single figures.

So, without the Asian debacle, there would be oo crisis now in Russia. But. of course. if investors start worrying about whether other investors will run, they start running themselves. Thus fear of devaluation becomes self-fulfilling, and it may become impossible for a country to defend its exchange rate unaided - even when devaluatioo is not justified by economic fundamentals.

A devaluation io Russia would be as catastrophie for

Mr Yeltsin as the devaluadon in Britain was for John Major. The greatest achievement of the reformers has been to bring low inflation and financial stability. If they cannot even do that they will lose all credibility.

That would open the way to major left wing gains in the parliamentary elections in late 1999, and make it most unlikely that any reformists could be elected in the year 2000. Not only would this be very bad for the life of Russian citizens: it would also be bad for the citizens of western countries, who oeed a peaceful and co-operative Russia in order to preserve a peaceful world order.

A devaluatioo in Russia would also spell danger for other emerging economies. The next country to be picked off could he Brazil, it could be Hong Kong. The world financial community therefore has a hige interest in drawing the line in Moscow and preveoting the collapse there, which could have a further domino effect.

The basic problem for Russia is that the foreign exchange reserves of the central bank are not sufficient to meet the demand for dollars that could arise, especially if there is massive selling of the Russian rouble treasury bills held by foreign

in order to prevent them selling, everyone must know that the Russian government

The G7 nations need to put together a stabilisation fund of at least \$10bo which would be available for the Russian government. This is not money giv-

paid on the government's dol lar debts). Such a differential, of course, only makes sense if people expect a devaluation and it is crucial that the West acts en to Russia, this is money that in the next few days to make

removed, interest rates would come down and the economic recovery would begin.

The rest of the world, too, would heave a sigh of relief that the international community had shown its ability to act - not after a devaluation, as in Asia, but before.

is oow uoder considerably greater threat than at any time since the early Eighties. The introduction of the euro may add to further turbulence and volatility in the world's major exchange rates, and it would be heartening to see the international community able to take charge of the situation beginning in Russia. Nobody should want exchange rate changes that are oot justified by economic fundamentals. They distort the structure of economies and create unemployment, UItimately they can undermine the public faith in markets and in free trade. We would all then lose. Now is an opportunity for the G7 to show that they can strike before the horse has bolted. Let us hope that in the oext few days it's members have the courage and wisdom

Richard Layard is Director of the Centre for Economic Performance at the LSE and is a former adviser to the Russian

#### Photograph: Mikhail Metzel Economic fears: Russian women selling bottles of vodka in Moscow yesterday fear of devaluation were to be of the extended fund facility it bas sufficient dollars at its disposal to meet any wave of sellhas made available to Russia. Time is very short because, ing to buy up any amount of as we know, speculative atroubles that investors wanted to dump in the market at the curtacks can develop very quickrent exchange rate. If investors ly; and interest rates in Russia knew this, there would be no are already very high with 80 reason for them to want to per cent per annum being paid dump their roubles oow in fear on roubles (as compared with of a worse exchange rate later. 11 per cent per annum being The world financial system

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It would not be necessary or right for the G7 countries to provide money for the government to spend in its budget. That is the role of the IMF, and it is important that the IMF reaffirm its commitment to paying for the steady delivery

forced to devalue. That would have enormously beneficial effects, both in Russia and in the Russia would be saved itom the chaos that would follow

clear that Russia cannot be

from a devaluation. A devaluation there would lead to an immediate increase in inflation, and even worse, to bank failures. And bank failures would lead to bankruptcies of enterprise. Unemployment would rise on a massive scale, as It has in Indonesia.

Social peace could oot he guaranteed. By contrast, if the

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## At times all politicians need a well-placed blow to the ego



#### **ANDREW** MARSAHALL

I AM pleased to say that I live in a country governed by rogues, harlots and thieves; and that everyone knows it.

There has been a run of American films recently that are cynical about politicians almost to the point of revulsion.

Wag the Dog brought us a world where inventing a war was the most reasonable way to conceal an "incidcot" with an intern in the Oval Office. Primary Colorus showed us "Jack Stanton" as a flawed man with a manipulative wife who would do almost anything to achieve political power.

On its way across the Atlantic soon is Bulworth, which makes both of these seem like paeans of praise to the political system. Warren Beatty plays a senator who finally flips under pressure and starts telling the truth: polities is corrupt, no-one cares about anything but money; special interests cootrol everything.

The conventional wisdom is that this is a sign of the times, and deeply disturbing. Americans have become cynical about

politics and their leaders. Stung by a series of White House scandals, they don't believe in government, they don't believe in party, and most of all they don't believe in the President. Authority is ridiculed; the pillars of the temple are shaking.

I've been to plenty of countries where the ridicule of politicians is a crime. In Croatia, the satirical weekly Feral Tribune has been attacked in the courts and repeatedly closed down because it dares to take the mickey out of Franjo Tudjman, the sinister and authoritarian president. In Britain, Alan Clark was so affronted by a column in the Evening Standard which lampooned him that he took the paper and the author to court. In France. Canard Enchaine notwith-

standing, a level of reverence in political coverage is de rigeur, ensuring that while the French continue to mutter darkly about their politicians in private, the public presentation is always dignified and often wrong.

I believe that a high degree of disrespect for politicians is not only healthy, it's downright necessary. The political process in America is in many respects deeply flawed - as it is in many countries - but Americans have no problem talking about it. Periodically, that results in a sudden and unexpected shock at the polls. More often, it translates into a continuing and scathing disrespect for the men and women who govern them.

American politicians are venal, and they are in the thrall

of big money. I don't think they are that different from politicians anywhere else, and I'd rather that good people were elected. In the absence of that, a well-placed blow to the ego strikes me as being as good a way as any of getting even.

At times when official re-

spect runs too high, where politicians and their media cronies comive at the cult of authority, bad things happen: think of the high points of Reaganism and Thatcherism. The deification of the elected - whether in life, or in death as with the cult of the Kennedys - is an unhealthy and dangerous phenomenoo. Politicians should be ripe for attack, always and everywhere.

Total cynicism about politics itself is damaging and danger-

ous. In Croatia, the combination of a state totally aligned with a party, electoral shenanigans, and pressure on the media has helped to oumb a nation to politics. In America, the fact that there are so many bitterly cynical films indicates a waxing of interest in what dirty little games get played behind closed doors, not a waning of That's healthy.

Ridicule is a democratic sanction. Warren Beatty uses it to devastating effect in Bulworth, daring to say that the party courts the rich, ignores black people, and is devoid of principle. As Newsweek puts it: "Beatty's thumbs up to the Democratic Party? Oops that's his middle finger." Well, thank you, Mr Beatty; and to

the politicians - sit on this. and 9:15am you may have been asked of journalists Sheree Dodd to Northern Ireland and John Williams, to the Foreign Office, Pandora has learned

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#### Maguire's ire

THE SAVAGE attack on 10 Downing Street by political editor Kevin Maguire in vesterday's Mirror was aimed squarely at "Teflon" Tony Blair and his gruff press chief Alastair Campbell. Will Magnire's charge that Blair is badly out of touch with his People" and has "mishandled" Emperor Akihito's visit stick to the Prime Minister? (Pandora was pleased to see Maguire reminding his readers of how rudely Campbell had once dismissed an Independent journalist's cautionary words coocerning a visit by the Japanese royal.) Relations between the Government and the Mirror took a nose dive following the widely-reported fiasco of "Clinton's letter to the people of Northcru Ireland", which Maguire initiated and wrote only to see it passed by

Downing Street and published in the Sun! After Maguire'a hate "letter" to Blair yesterday, there seems little hone of New Labour and the Mirror returning to their former lovey-dovey relationship anytime soon.

#### Mandy swots

CHARMING Fiona Madeod from St Leonards School, St Andrews, rang Pandora yesterday to express thanks for some words of praise contained in Tuesday's column. Readers will recall that four female student jourpalists from the school published a devastating profile of Peter Mandelson in Monday's Telegraph. Ms Macleod, who is business development director at the school, said that, contrary to how it might have appeared, the Minister without Portfolio

did not take the young journalists for granted. "In fact, he seemed really uncomfortable," she told Pandora. "And the girls did not enjoy it at all." When you add this to the unpleasant reeption he received from the students at his old Oxford college recently one thing seems clear: Mandelson should not be heading to Education in the next re-shuffle.

#### Final prize

IS IT A SPOOF, a statement about art or a work of art? Is there any longer a distinction between the three? If you were crossing London Bridge this morning between 7:45am

to wear a paper headband and to sign a form acknowledging that you were being nominated for the Turner Prize. The "artistic happening" was the incredible hrainchild of Anthony Samuelson who promises that, should it subsequently win the Turner Prize, all participants will receive a share of the £20,000 award. Pandora has another happening suggestion. Why doesn't the Turner Prize declare itself a work of cootemporary art. Then it can give itself the prize and disappear up its own backside forever.

#### Health flack

direction of the Civil Service when it comes to Whitehall press offices? So it seems. After the recent appointment

that veteran civil servant Philip Aylett has been named to the press office at the Department of Health. Hacks will remember Aylett fondly from his days working for Bernard Ingham in Thatcher's Downing Street bunker.

#### loke cures

VIAGRA, the latest miracle drug for impotent men, has predictably spawned a whole litter of bad jokes in America. These include new spurious "related" drugs, including Liagra, "This drug causes men to be less than truthful wheo being asked about their sexual activities. Will be available in Regular and Presidential Strength versions."



## Doubts over Exchange trading reforms

By Lea Paterson

The Stock Exchange is to open 30 minutes later - at 9am - in an attempt to solve difficulties with early morning trading on its new electronic system.

The Exchange also announced yesterday that it wants Liffe, the futures exchange, to close 20 minutes later, at 4.30pm, to alleviate trading difficulties at

There are to be fundamental changes to the way closing prices are calculated, which the Exchange believes will iron out "rogue", or unrepresentative, closing prices. Rogue closing prices is perhaps the most

dogged Sets, the new electronic trading system, since its launch in October.

Sets, although widely regarded as a technical success, has been criticised for producing unreliable prices at the beginning of the day. In addition, only around a third of all trades are currently executed over Sets, with many larger institutions sticking with the old "quote driven" system.

The moves are part of the Exchange's response to its month-long consultation with members over the performance of Sets.

Other proposals include scrapping the minimum order size, which will allow very small holdings of shares to be trad-

prominent of the problems that have ed over the new electronic system, as well 20 July, and the new method of calculatas raising the maximum size.

The Exchange is to reduce the pre-market period - the placing of buy and sell orders before the market officially opens from half an hour to 10 minutes. It is considering introducing a central counterparty, a system whereby either the Exchange or another official body guarantees all trade. The Exchange is to consult further on the issue, and has said a central counterparty will not be introduced until after 2000.

The Exchange said it would not move all smaller FTSE 250 stocks onto the new system "at present".

The later opening hours will apply from

ing closing prices will begin at the end of the year, unless there are marked improvements "in the consistency and predictability" of closing prices.

The Exchange intends to calculate closing prices by taking an weighted average of trading prices over the last 15 minutes of the day. At present, the closing price of a stock is simply the price of at which the last trade of the day is executed.

As far as Liffe's new closing hours are concerned, Martin Wheatley, bead of markets development at the Exchange, and the man who has spear-headed the introduction of Sets, said: "Liffe were very pos-

itive [about closing at the later time of 4.30] but they need to consult their members."

The Exchange said yesterday that Mr Wheatley would be proposed as a new executive board director. It added that Richard Kilsby, director of market services. resigned from the board at the end of May.

According to the Exchange, feedback from the market had confirmed that "the new trading structure is viewed by users as being sound and technically robust". But the Exchange admitted: "There was a general desire to see more liquidity in the system and more consistency of price formation".

Trading houses broadly welcomed the Exchange's proposals, although several

thought they did not go far enough. Some traders expressed scepticism about the effectiveness of the later opening bours.

The Exchange also announced its resuits yesterday for the year ended March 1998. It returned £16.6m to members, compared with £10m last year, at operating costs fell by 21 per cent.

Simon Robertson, currently a managing director at Goldman Sachs, is to join the board as a non-executive director. Donald Brydon, Robert Metzler, Mark Radcliffe and Bernard Solomons are to retire as non-executives at the annual general meeting on 9 July.

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## **Financial** markets back from the brink

Economics Editor

THE FINANCIAL markets drew back from the brink of another round of weakness yesterday. Some emerging stock markets staged a recovery from their tumult earlier this week, while the hig markets remained

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, admitted yesterday that be had not seen the Asian crisis coming - but neither, he said, had anybody

He warned that there was still a danger of a vicious circle of financial weakness in Asia. "That could bave seriously adverse implications - in terms of both financial and economic knock-on effects - for the global economy," be said.

Mr George added, bowever: "I can't pretend that we are terms of the external financial crisis in Asia, but there is now at least a good deal more light between the trees."

In London, shares ended a little lower yesterday, with the FTSE-100 index eight points lower at 5.862.3. But the Dow Jones index in the US was 18 points higher by late morning at 8,955.

The reaction of Wall Street to the continuing problems in Asia is seen as the key to whether any particular bout of market "contagioo" will spread across the globe. So far the US has appeared immune.

In Asia, the Nikkei 225 index in Tokyo advanced vesterday, elimbing 132points to

The picture in the world's smaller stock markets was mixed. Shares in Hong Kong fell again, the Hang Seng index losing 105 points to 8,877.94. This 1 per cent fall followed a 5 per cent drop in the value of shares on Wednesday.

The Hong Kong authorities admitted for the first time this week that the economy was likely to dip into recession. The financial markets are also fearful that China might yet devalue the yuan and the Hong Kong dollar against the US dollar. Thai stocks plunged nearly

2 per cent to their lowest level for 10 years, with analysts hlaming general worries about the situation in Asia.

On the other hand, a busy day's trading with much intercompletely out of the wood in est from foreign investors sent shares in South Korea sharply higher. The share price index gained more than 3 per cent, with particular interest in Samsung Electronics just ahead of its planned rights issue. Elsewhere, sbares on Rus-

sia's stock market staged a remarkable recovery, climbing 6 per cent. The tripling of interest rates to 150 per cent and possible emergency assistance from the international community were seen as enough to stabilise the fioancial crisis, and the rouble appeared to be safe from de-



Dealers in Thailand yesterday as their screens show stock prices falling to their lowest level in a decade

## US growth rate surges to 4.8%

By Andrew Marshall

THE US economy entered 1998 at a roaring pace, growing at an annualised rate of 4.8 per cent in the first quarter. The figure, released vesterday, shows the most rapid expansion since the same period of last year.

The US Federal Reserve has begun to express concerns about the pace of expansion. and Wall Street is concerned that it will increase interest rates in reaction. Though it has

not increased rates for more than two years, the minutes of the last Fed meeting showed that some members were leaning towards a rise.

The figures for gross domestic product for the January to March quarter were well no from the advance estimate of 4.2 per ceot. Part of the explanation for the surge was a rise in stocks, without which GDP would still have expanded by 3.4 per cent. Consumer spending is buoyant. Exports fell, while imports surged.

Economists expect growth for the year as a whole to slow, to about 2.3 per cent. But the big question for the markets is how soon the economy slows. If it does not decelerate to closer to this level, the Fed may feel it has to reappraise its stance. It will have to balance this against the international impact of a rate rise at a time when economies around the

impact of the Asian crisis. Further evidence of rapid growth came with figures show-

world are suffering from the

ing a 2.6 per cent increase in orders for durable goods in April, led by a strong showing for aircraft orders. This was the strongest rise for five months. Excluding transport goods, orders were still np by 0.7 per

Wall Street displayed scant reaction to the figures, with the **Dow Jones Industrial Average** edging higher hy 17.94 to 8,854.51 at noon. Traders were more concerned with the return of momentum after he dip earlier this week.

## Orders for exports at 15-year low

By Diane Coyle Economics Editor

THE CLOUDS over manufacturing darkened yesterday as a survey showed that export orders had dived to their lowest level since January 1983. The results alarmed analysts, even though most had been braced for bad news, and left the markets wary about trade figures due this morning. The Confederation of

Britisb Industry reported in its monthly survey that home orders were holding up hut the nosedive in export orders meant manufacturers were expecting no increase in output over the next four months. Production has already fallen for two quarters running, putting manufacturing officially into recession.

The CBI is still forecasting a soft landing for the economy as a whole, with a gradual slowdown in growth. But Kate Barker, the CBI's chief economic adviser, said: "The key immediate risk is that exports could weaken still further."

She urged the Bank of England not to increase interest rates any further.

This call was put even more strongly by Ken Jackson, general secretary of the AEEU. The Bank of England must end its vendetta against manufacturing industry," he said. saying the Monetary Policy Committee should indicate that it expected its next move to be

a reduction in borrowing costs. The CBI's monthly survey showed the halance of exporters with order books below rather than above normal was minus 51 per cent, down from an already weak minus 43 per

cent in April. This was had. enough to offset reasonable domestic order books, taking the total orders balance to minus 17 per cent, its weakest for neary two years.

As a result, manufacturers' output expectations weakened further, indicating virtually no growth during the next four months. Optimism about output has returned to its lowest & since late 1992, the nadir of the recession. The weak outlook also took price expectations to a record low, suggesting that prices charged at the factory gate could start falling.

Simon Briscoe, an economist at Nikko Europe, said: "Manufacturing is going to be struggling for at least the rest of this year. It does show another interest rate increase is completely out of the question."

The CBI is still predicting that the economy will grow by just over 2 per cent this year and next thanks to strong consumer spending. But this depends on the pound falling significantly.

Sterling weakened slightly during the day but ended virtually unchanged at DM2.90. The currency markets remain hesitant to rule out one final rise in interest rates if pay increases continue to pick up.

Separate figures yesterday from the Nationwide showed a

However, the level of transactions fell. The Nationwide said it was too early to conclude

#### amications industry. hig increase in bouse prices in May, but the building society said the number of sales was disappointing. The average house price jumped 1.2 per cent in May after a nearly flat April. to a level 11.9 per cent higher than a year earlier.

that the recovery had stalled.

## Asda and Kingfisher resume alliance talks

By Nigel Cope Associate City Editor

ASDA and Kingfisher have resumed talks about a possible trading alliance less than two weeks after negotiations about a £13ho merger hroke down.

Though the talks centre on cross-selling opportunities between the two retailers, sources close to the negotiations said they could be broadened to inctude a full-scale merger.

The discussions are thought to be at a relatively early stage and do not yet include Asda's chief executive, Allan Leighton, and Kingfisher's chief executive, Sir Geoff Mulcahy, who spearheaded the original merg-The centrepiece of the talks

is potential interaction between the two companies. This could see Asda selling its George range of clothing through Woolworth's, and Kinglisher opening branches of its Superdrug pharmacies and Comet electrical formats in Asda's superstores. Asda's stated amhition is to

make the George label Britain's best-selling clothing brand hehiod Marks & Spencer's St Michael. It may need to access space on the High Street in addition to its out-of-town supermarkets to do

Kingfisher is always hungry for more space and Sir Geoff Mulcahy is a keen deal-maker. A merger of the two would creat Britain's second largest retailer after M&S.

The re-opening of the talks will come as a surprise to the stock market following comments less than a fortnight ago that discussions were "completely at an end." The two sides then gave differing versions of events and both elaimed the approach had come from the other side. Surprisingly, Yesterday

Asda denied the resumption of talks and would nnly repeat its original statement; "We had discussions and they came to an

Kinglisher was similarly reticent, saying only: "The discussions between the two have

Asda has looked increasingly keen nn a deal recently having looked at the Welcome

Break motorway service sta-

tions, a £10bn-merger with

Safeway and a £13bn-merger with Kingfisher.

Thrugh Asda is confident that it has sufficient scope for growth in the medium term, it is looking for avenues of growth further out. With Tesco increasing its non-food ranges and opeoing larger, hypermarket stores under the Tesco Extra name. Asda is under pressure to continue with in-

It is already looking at introducing mezzanine layers in stores to add more floor space that could carry non-food lines such as music and entertainment, health and beauty and clothing.

It is also opening drivethrough restaurants offering refreshments for time-pressed Kingfisher would come to

the negotiations from a position of equal strength. It has enjoyed a hugely successful run in the last two years boosted by strong performances at its DIY business and a recovery at Woolworth's. Sir Geoff is oow keen on

huilding Kingfisher into an international retailer but is still keen in developing market share in the UK.

### **R&D** funds 'wasted on wrong schemes'

PRODUCTIVITY in British ndustry could fall even further behind competitors like Germany and the US unless the Government takes drastic steps to revamp the funding of research and development, according to a new report.

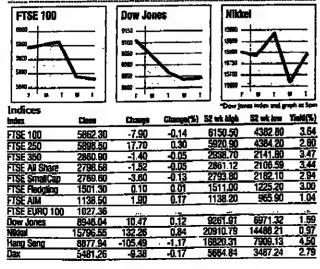
It said government spending on research had been too low and had not been geared towards commercial uses.

Nick Matthews, one of the authors, said: "Taxpayers have been rohbed as millions have been wasted on schemes that

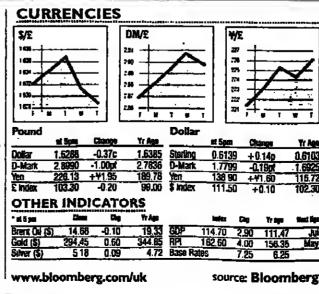
have little relevance to British industry." Britain spent twice as much on agriculture as on industrial developm ent, be said.

Figures in the document. prepared by researchers at Warwick University for the Institute for Public Policy Research, show that British governments have speot a smaller share of GDP on research and development than other countries. It argues that the meagre funds available have been split between 100 many funding bodies.

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By Peter Thal Larsen

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## The right diagnosis, shame about the remedy

WHILE EVERY other trade in the country seems to be extending its hours of business, the Stock Exchange is intent on shortening them. Its answer to the miserable failure that electronic order-driven trading has so far proved is to shorten the trading day.

It reasons that by opening the market half an hour later, it will overcome the lack of liquidity that has made Sets such a lottery early in the day and helped drive 70 per cent of share trades off market or back into a skewed and grossly unfair version of the old quote-drive system.

In fact, so convinced is the Exchange that the reforms will work that it has promoted the architect of Sets, Martin Wheatly, onto its main board. However, if Mr Wheatly has any sense, then like the big market makers, he will simply use this as an excuse to spend an extra 30 minutes in bed and theo continue to behave in exactly the same way. Which is to stay well clear of the market for the first hour or so ootil the pattern of trading has set-

The Exchange's other solutions aligning its hours with Liffe and changing the way the index is calculated will help iron oot the problem of rogue closing prices, but still do not address the fundamental issues.

The central problem with Sets, which the Exchange implicitly recognises, is that because it is transparent, the market can see every trade coming. This deters the big buyers and sellers who like to keep their deals obscured from view for as long

ference to Sets would be for the Exchange to allow blind trading and then act as a central counterparty - effectively guaraoteeing trades and thus solving the credit risk problem of dealing with an un-

known buyer or seller. The Exchange has proposed just such a solution but only some time after 2000 and only then if its lengthy consultation procedures prove there is support for something which would be costly for mem-

Uotil blind trading is introduced, many large institutions will stay with the old quote driven system, which is making indecent sums of money for the market makers who can scarcely believe their luck

Seven months after the launch of Sets the Exchange has at last arrived at a diagnosis of what is ailing. Unfortunately its remedies do not go nearly far enough for the health of the London mar-

#### Market meltdown fails to emerge

IF EDDIE GEORGE didn't see the Asian crisis coming and still isn't clear why it struck, as he admitted yesterday, the rest of us can forgive ourselves for oot having a firm grip on the situation either.

The problem is that without understanding the past it is hard to predict what

as possible. What would make a real dif- the future holds for both Asian and other emerging markets. The signs are that the Governor's uncertainty is widely shared in the financial markets, marked as they are by intermittent flurries of contagious panic that stop as mysteriously as they started. One day a generalised panic; the next investors are picking out the soundest markets and snapping up bar-

> Wall Street holds one crucial key to the outlook. The lesson from 1987 is that serious global stockmarket contagion is propagated from US to the rest of the world, and not the other way round.

> This is scant comfort to the bears who think Wall Street is now massively overvalued, but - so far - they have been in the minority. Yesterday once again saw investors buying up hi-tech stocks, albeit rather hesitantly, at the first sign of a set-

> Another important point is that emerging markets are not all the same. While South Korea is making rapid strides in its hanking and corporate reform, so that the IMF forsees a recovery starting as early as next year, Indonesia remains in an utter mess, and it is likely that Hong Kong still has the worst of its crisis to face, having so far postponed it.

There are still Asia-wide worries. For example, a Chinese devaluation would have serious knock-on effects for all its neighbours. This will keep all of the region's markets under a cloud for some

But even so, international investors do distinguish between emerging stockmarkets far more finely than was the case a few years ago. So far, fingers crossed, Asia has not infected Russia and has not crossed over to Latin America.

It would take a brave soul - braver than Mr George, for one - to rule out any risk of a round-the-world stockmarket collapse of the 1987 variety. Yet on this week's evidence, it is still a possibility rather than a probability.

#### **Brown shows Bonfield the way**

FOR A guide to the difference between British Telecom and Cable & Wireless, the last few weeks are a pretty good illustration. While Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief executive, was last week telling the world that he was keeping his options open on possible deals in the US his counterpart at C&W, Dick Brown, was locked in a room with executives from MCI, convincing them to sell him their Internet

It was all supposed to be so different. Back in July 1996, when Mr Brown took charge and Mr Bonfield was just getting his feet under the desk, the roles were reversed. C&W, which had just failed to merge with BT, was a floundering mishmash of unrelated telecom businesses without a strategy and, so the market thought, an independent future.

Meanwhile, Mr Bonfield was the dynamic type who could shake the last cobwebs of state ownership out of BT and turn it into a world-beating telecom

But the reverse has happened. Mir Brown has beaten some shape into C&W, selling off assets where it has no management control and signing deals with the likes of Telecom Italia while instilling a fast-moving, entrepreneurial management culture.

At the same time, he has also presided over a long-occided rationalisation of the cable industry which gives Mercury a new lease of life.

Meanwhile, Mr Bonfield has done a lot of talking about international strategy hat watched his planned mega-merger with MCI - fall apart.

So when MCI called both BT and C&W three weeks ago to ask them whether they were interested in buying the Internet business it was Mr Brown who had the deal almost sewn up before BT knew what was going on.

Ironically, radically different management styles have had precious little effect on share price performance. Since July 1996, BT's shares have kept up with those of its smaller rival, partly out of re-lief that the MCI deal failed and partly in expectation that BT would be propelled into the mother of all payouts to share-

Unless Mr Bonfield gets his act together soon, however, it's hard to see that share price performance lasting.

## C&W joins top league with £380m MCI deal

By Peter Thal Larsen

CABLE & WIRELESS yesterday established itself as a major player in the booming Internet paying," one observer comindustry when it bought a large chunk of the network's infrastructure from MCI, the US group, in an audacious \$625m (£380m) deal.

The acquisition catapults G&W into the top five providers of Internet capacity in the United States and gives it exposure to one of the fastestgrowing parts of the telecommunications industry.

C&W is buying MCI's "backbone" - the physical infrastructure over which Internet traffie runs - as well as a customer hase of 1,300 service companies which use MCI to connect their customers to the

Dick Brown, C&W's chief executive, hailed the deal as a



Dick Brown: Deal is a huge leap' for Cable & Wireless

"huge leap" for the group. "This gives us the scale and scope that is necessary in this husiness," he said.

MCI put the division up for sale after regulators in the US and Europe threatened to

and Europe threatened to block its merger with World-Com, the US giant.

Although agares vary, some experts estimate him the two companies county in the US. Regulators critically have to clear the acquisition; as well as the WorldCom Will mergers. as the WorldCom-MCI merger, for the deal to go ahead. But Mr Brown said he had already made met both regulators to ar-gue C&W scase

Analysts praised the move and the keep price that Mr Brown had managed to nego-sate. The processes than three thes the dission's projected revenues for the coming year, which are likely to be about \$220m. Similar businesses in the

US have been sold for much higher multiples.

"One thing is for sure, and that's that C&W are not overmented. However, C&W's share price slipped 4p to 675p due to worries over weak markets in Asia.

It is understood that MCI offered the backbone business to five other telecom companies, including British Telecom, at the same time as it spoke to C&W.

However, the C&W team. gained an advantage by moving faster than its competitors. Mr Brown said that the eotire oegotiating process took just 18

Internet traffic is one of the fastest-growing areas of the telecoms industry. Industry analysts expect the market in the US, which is expanding at rates of up to 100 per cent a year, to more than treble in value to \$16bn by 2000.

This is partly because more people are surfing the World Wide Web and sending e-mail. However, the real growth potential is in moving other forms of telephony - including data communications, fax traffic and ultimately voice telephony - on to the Internet.

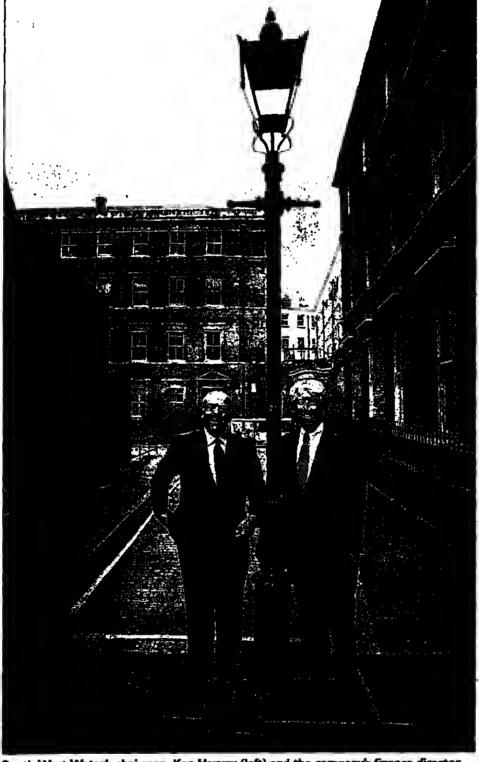
This can be done by sophisticated Internet technology which divides data and voice messages into small packages before sending them, allowing the system to handle much more traffic.

Mr Brown said the challenge for C&W was to migrate existing voice and data traffic from its existing network on to the MCI backbone, allowing it to cut its prices.

"It is a very strategic deal because it will allow us to migrate traditional circuit switched business traffic off the standard networks and on to our higher bandwidth networks at discounts," he explained.

C&W already has substantial Internet operations through its various businesses in the UK, Australia and the Caribbean. However, it did not have a major presence in the US. "We couldn't build this," Mr Brown said. "We had to buy it."

Under the agreement with MCL, C&W will carry some of the US group's traffic for a twoyear period while it sets up an alternative network. However, analysts said that the revenues amounted to just a fifth of the division's total revenues, which C&W would not find it hard to



South West Water's chairman, Ken Harvey (left) and the company's finance director, Ken Hill after announcing the changes yesterday Photograph: John Voos

### **SW Water** to invest in change of name

By Terry Macalister

SOUTH WEST Water, which gained notoriety for having the highest water charges in the country, plans to change its name to the Pennon Group.

But it denies it is trying to escape from a poor public image, pointing out the South West Water will remain the name of its

water utility business. The new title, which must be approved by shareholders at an annual general meeting at the ed of July, is intended to underline the company's move into new business sectors, it says.

South West Water is keen to expand in areas not covered by government regulation. It has highlighted waste management, environmental instrumentation and specialist contracting.

Pennon, headed up by the existing chairman, Ken Harvey, will be a holding company with two subsidiaries: South West Water and Viridor. A spokesman for the com-

peny said: "Changing the name will help with investor relations and emphasise the fact that we are not just a regulated utility. Customers will still deal with South West Water."

Yesterday the company re vealed plans to cut 135 jobs and streamline divisional offices in Exeter and St Austell in a bid to further reduce overheads. The announcement came as South West Water unveiled a 20 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £106.6m. The figures were hit by exceptional items but were welcomed by the City which marked the shares up 4p to 960p.

**OFT** gives health insurers

#### IN BRIEF

#### West Bromwich agrees £10m pay-out over homes scandal

WEST BROMWICH Building Society is to pay victims of the home income plan scandal more than £10m between them after agreeing to settle a court case brought by the Investors Compensation Scheme. West Bromwich yesterday promised to pay unspecified cash payments to the 685 victims of the scandal. It will also cap the interest they pay at 6.25 per cent and guarantee they will not be repossessed for the rest of their lives.

The compensation came as West Bromwich agreed to settle out of court with the Investors Compensation Scheme, the regulatory body which has already given out partial compensation. News of the scandal first broke in 1990. Both the Investors Compensation Scheme and West Bromwich said they were happy with the deal. The ICS said it believed the compensation was fair and reasonable. More than 3,000 elderly investors came close to ruin after being sold home income plans by Fisher Prew Smith, a financial adviser which was shut down by regulators in 1991.

#### LIG to close condom plant

LONDON International Group, the Durex condom maker, is to close its Italian condom manufacturing plant in Casalecchio, nea Bologna, with the loss of about 180 jobs. Production will be transferred to the company's other condom manufacturing sites in Spain, the US and Asia. The factory closure and the refocusing of LIG's South European consumer business will result in a £15m Investment column, page26

#### Warning to 'first-wave' states

THE EUROPEAN Monetary Institute, forerunner of the European Central Bank, repeated its warning that nine out of the 11 first-wave members of the single currency would need to make further progress in cutting their government budget deficits. Notwithstanding recent achievements, further substantial consolidation is warranted for most member states," its annual report, published yesterday, noted. The report added that preparatory work was going ahead for the new ECB to introduce minimum reserve requirements on banks in the single currency area. While these are still normal on the Continent, they would be an unwelcome side-effect of eventual Emu membership for

#### More board considers bid

THE BOARD of More Group, the outdoor advertising outfit, is expected to meet this morning to decide whether or not to recommend an indicative offer for the business from Decaux, its French rival. More's directors yesterday met Decaux executives and advisers to discuss the merits of the offer, but no decision was made. Decaux, whose bid has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, has indicated it will offer 1220p per More share if it is given the green light. Clear Channel, the US media giant, has offered 1,110p per share.

### United may float telecoms division

By Terry Macalister

UNITED Utilities yesterday said it might float its telecommunications arm on the London stock market if the business continoes to grow as quickly as it did last year. The chief executive, Derek

Green, said turnover from telecommunications tripled last year to £23.4m as business customers such as Manchester Airport switched to its fibre network for data and voice services. But United believes there is

potential to use Digital Power- . Line technology to deliver faster and cheaper Internet connections to 22 million bomes in United's core northwest market using existing electricity cables. Mr Green said: "This is a nice business similar to Colt which is a stock market darling. If we contime to get a low utility rating we will need to float [telecommunications) in whole or part." Analysis agreed the business

was exciting but said United. which cootrols Norweb and North West Water, would be jndged in the oear term on the way it was treated by its industry regulators.

Set up three years ago, the elecommunications arm lost £5.2m last year but this was translated into a £200,000 profit in the 12 months to 31 March. United admits a flotation is unlikely in the next two years. Like other utilities, United

is keen to expand outside of its traditional water, gas and electricity distribution whose future profitability will be held back by tighter regulation. Yesterday the group revealed

e profit before tax and exceptional items up 3.7 per cent year on year to £460.5m. Turnover from continuing operations rose 23 per cent to £2.1bn and United unveiled a final underlying dividend of 27.64p making 40.8p for the year, up 9.7p. Its shares closed up 9.5p at 828p.

## 'final warning' over policies By Andrew Verity

THE OFFICE of Fair Trading has issued a "final warning" to health insurers, ordering them to eliminate policies harmful to consumers or face full statutory regulation.

In its second attempt to reform private medical insurance in two years, the OFT yesterday gave health insurers until 30 September to transform their practice or face direct regulation by the Financial Services Authority.

John Bridgeman, the director-general, said the industry had broadly failed to respond to a damning OFT report in 1996. The report highlighted rampant inflation in premiums and widespread confusion among customers, who were often unaware that the policies failed to cover a whole swathe of medical needs. Mr Bridge-

man said: "Health insurers have not shown much concern for improving the information, choice and service to their consumers.

If the industry wishes to retain self-regulation it should carefully consider, and then act decisively upon, the recommendations in my new report." The OFT said sales litera-

ture had confused customers to such an extent that 79 per cent of customers wrongly thought they were covered for chronic, ongoing medical cooditions such as arthritis or Alzheimer's disease. They also thought their policy would pay for drugs oeeded after an operation.

In fact, private medical insurance only covers acute conditions that require one-off operations. Many policies exclude claims for outpatient treatment and few pay for drugs needed after an operation. The OFT wants health insurers to develop a code of practice which provides for a core of "benchmarked" products with simple, standardised terms.

Insurers must also show

customers how quickly premiums can increase, the OFT said. Premiums in the past decade have risen by an average of 3.5 per cent a year above inflation. Many customers failed to realise that premiums also increased with age.

The regulator also said the Financial Services Authority should monitor the use of moratoria by health insurance companies. Under moratoria, customers can buy a policy without the need for a medical examination, but cannot claim if they are treated for a condition they already have within two years. This makes premiums cheaper and a quicker

sale can be made. The snag is that consumers with pre-existing conditions can be put off seeking treatment. The OFT said some patients recovering from serious illness had been sold moratorium policies even though they had been advised to go for regular medical check-ups.

It said other kinds of health insurance should also be standardised. These included critical illness insurance, permanent health insurance and long-term care insurance.

The £2bn-a-year health insurance market is dominated by two players - Bupa, with 40 per cent of the market, and PPP. now owned by Guardian Royal, with 30 per cent. Norwich Union has 10 per cent. Bupa said it supported the OFT's call for benchmarked products and opposed the use of moratoria. But is resisted calls for customers to be shown how quickly premiums had risen.

#### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN EDITED BY PETER THAL LARSEN

#### Boom is back for Stakis

THE HOTEL business is always shifting from feast to famine and back again, and the City's perception of the sector tends to suffer from the same mood swings. After a boom in 1996 which spawned a glut of flotations, hotels spent last year in the doldrums. This year, hotel groups such as Stakis are suddenly in favour. The Scottish group's share price has risen by over 50 per cent since January.

A glance at the interim results, released yesterday, shows that investors' faith is well founded. Operating profits rose by 49 per cent to £46m on turnover up 28 per cent to £181m, and the shares duly ticked up another 4p to 143p.

True, Stakis is riding an industry boom that could easily turn in a bust. Rather ominously, chief executive David Michels now points out that occupancy rates - which rose from 67.5 per cent to 73.7 per cent - are now higher than they were during the famous boom

Stakis does not believe that history will repeat itself, however, and is investing merrily in new projects. It will spend £90m paying off developing the London Metropole and is planning to huild about three new four-star hotels a year. Management deals with a US hotel investments group are also in the pipeline.

Meanwhile, the company is which are drawing increasing numbers of punters, reported a 77 per cent increase in profits to £6.6m. Meanwhile, profits at the Livingwell health club unit more than doubled.

With strong cash flow and gearing still low. Stakis can afford to expand. The problem, however, is that no matter how well they are run none of its businesses can ultimately escape the economic cycle. If a downturn arrives demand for hotels, casinos and health clubs will probably all dry up at the same time. Stakis remains positive about the future, as does the City, which predicts full-year ness in markets like Spain and look good value up to 250p.

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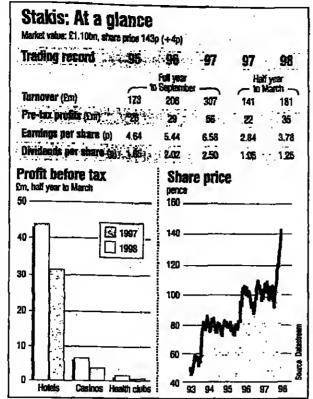
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claiming 11 per cent of the UK

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More acquisitions are on the

agenda, particularly in the Far

East where LIG is keen to ex-

pand. Though it has a business

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profits of around £74m. On a ltaly where the sales forces are forward multiple of 18, however, the shares are high enough.

## LIG strategy

THE MARKET has gradually been warming to London International Group, the Durex condom maker, LIG shares have risen by nearly 40 per since the interim figures last Noalso diversifying. The casinos, vember as the City has responded to the strategy of slimming the group down to concentrate on so-called "barrier" products such as condoms and latex gloves.

Medical products such as its gripe water and Buttercup syrup brands have long gone. And the process continued during the last year with the sale of Cook Bates, the American manicure implements company, which involved taking a £12m exceptional charge.

Nick Hodges, chief executive, oow reckons the shape of the business is right with a small health and beauty busi-

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#### South West's waste line

SOUTH WEST WATER has been greedily buying up landfill sites for waste management. In the last three months its Haul Waste division has taken on 12 million cubic metres of new ground, representing a 15 per cent increase on its overall capacity.

This might seem a dirty business but South West management believes "green" means gold. It argues that its in-depth expertise in waste management means it is best placed to deal with an increasingly sensitive environmental issue.

The company is about to change its name to the Pennon group. Critics see this as an attempt to escape from a past associated with high water charges and dirty south coast

But the company believes Pennon represents a move away from the boring utility image as it reaches into sectors away from the grabbing hands of the regulator.

Waste management is one of three new "non-regulated" areas where the group is keen to expand. The others are specialist environmental instrumentation and specialist contracting.

Some early excursions have not been a great success. The sale of its 50 per cent holding in Societa Italo Britannica dell'Acqua cost South West £7.5. That, coupled with a provision for the restructuring of its water and sewerage business dented pre-tax profits unveiled

Before exceptionals, profits rose 3 per cent to £121.6m while turnover was up 11 per cent to £382.1m.

For the shares, up 4p to 960p, the big issue remains how the company will be hit by the Ofwat periodic review of water charges which impacts in April 2000, Analysts expect profits of £128m next year implying a forward multiple of 11 times. That is slightly above the sector average. Hold.

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## Dawson looks for buyer as sales slump

By Nigel Cope Associate City Editor

DAWSON International, the Scottish knitwear group best known for the Pringle sweaters worn by Nick Faldo, put itself up for sale yesterday after it issued a profits warning and said that it did not expect to pay an interim dividend.

The company blamed the warning on the strength of sterling, the economic crisis in Asia, and higher than expected returns of its thermal clothing from retailers in America. The result will be a cut-back in UK production, exceptional charges of £11m and "several hundred" job losses, mostly in wool-spinning plants io the Scottish borders.

As the sbares fell 13.4 per cent to 48.5p, valuing Dawson at £96m, Scottish union leaders expressed concern about the affects of a "triple whammy" for the textile industry north of the

Grampian Holdings, the Scottish knitwear group, is cutting 120 jobs due to the strong pound and to shifts in fashion-wear away from knitwear towards cotton and fleece products.

And, on Wednesday, The Sweater Shop, the manufacturer and retailer, called in the receivers as a result of continuing losses. Up to 1,300 jobs, including 270 at garment centres in Ayrshire, are under

Bill Speirs, the Scottish TUC general secretary, said: "It is a very worrying situation and we are obviously concerned about the future of the industry. We will be having a meeting with the textile unions to come up with an assessment of where the industry stands at

Unions hoped to promote a strategy which secures textile der to maintain relationships jobs in Scotland and would be making representations to the cottish Office, Scottish Enterprise and employers, he said.

We are also concerned about the prospect of someone like Dawsoo International producing its wares overseas in places such as Italy and India to cut costs. It has built its reputation on a quality Scottish product produced by Scottish workers and any change to that will have to be looked at very closely."

Dawson said at its annual meeting in April that it was experiencing tough trading conditioos. Since then, it has received "unprecedented" levels of return of its thermal clothing from American discount retailers like Wal-Mart and K-Mart. of £55m last year. The company has 78 shops

The company has decided to accept the returned stock in orwith key retail customers. Sales of its more upmarket Duofold Scotland. range of thermal clothing have also been well below expecta-

by the now troubled Dawson International group

"In the light of these developments, the board is undertaking a review of all options available to maximise shareholder value, including the possibility of securing an offer for the company," said Derek Fin-

lay, the company's chairman. The Sweater Shop, which

was bought by its management in a £150m deal three years ago, has been forced to call in administrative receivers after defaulting on its debts for the second time in 12 months. It is understood to have recorded losses of around £15m on sales

and manufacturing operations in Syston, Leicestershire, Nottingham and Cumnock, in

Richard Rees, of the receivers. Price Waterhouse, said he was confident that a buyer could be found for the stores hut said the manufacturing opcrations might be more difficult to dispose of.

The manufacturing sites employ around 600 workers. The Sweater Shop cut 180 jobs in Leicester recently in an ecus. attempt to cut costs.

## Britain 6 venture capital

EUROPEAN venture capital and private equity investment rose by 42 per cent to 9.7bn ccush in 1997, setting a fourth successive record, the European Venture Capital Association's (EVCA) annual survey showed yesterday.

The fourth successive highest total was disbursed through 6,252 investments, 10 per cent more than in 1996.

The largest absolute increase in investment was in Britain, which showed a 49 per cent increase on 1996 and dishursed 4.4bn ecu, followed by Germany with 1.3bn ecu, an 85 per cent rise, the EVCA survey

Consumer-related deals read mained the largest sector by amount disbursed and accounted for 22 per cent of the total or 2.1bn ecu versus 1.2bo ecu in 1996.

However, technology areas increased their combined share to 24 per cent from 20 per cent previously, with over 2,100 companies attractiog 2.3ho ecu worth of investment, 71 per cent more than in 1996.

Across Europe, buyouts accounted for just over 50 per cent of the total invested (46 per cent in 1996) at 4.8hn ecu and the sum invested increase. by 53 per ceot although the number of buyouts fell by 3 per

The amount invested in seed and start-up projects increased by 23 percent and 67 per cent respectively, accounting for 7.4 per ceot of the total amount invested (6.5 per cent in 1996). -

Disinvestments at original cost (versus the amount actually received) were 5.8 billion ecus, up 63 per cent. Funds raised more than dou-

bled from the record 1996 total to 20 billion ecus, mainly from international sources which accounted for over 50 per cent of the total for the first

Most of the domestic increase came in Britain and Germany with the British total tripling to 12.2 billion ecus and the German advance increasing nearly eight times to 2.6 billion ecus.

Banks and pension funds were the largest sources of capital. each contributing 25 percent of the total with the later significantly increasing its input to 5 hillion ecus from 1.8 hillion

## Hillsdown expected to back offer

By Nigel Cope Associate City Editor

THE BOARD of Hillsdown Holdings, the food conglomerate, is expected to back a revised 217p per share offer from Unigate valuing the company at £1.6bn.

for clear explanations in plan English - not jargon The Hillsdown board met yesterday afternoon to dis-It's Time coss the offer. It is likely tu recommend the deal to sharefor computers that grow with you and can be updated holders assuming the structure of the deal is deemed acceptit's **Time** able. An announcement is exto cut out the middleman and cut the cost of computers

tt is understood that the Hillsdown board, led hy George Greener, took the view that while it might be possible to squeeze a little more value from a break-up of the group, this represented a more risky approach and would have taken much longer.

The management teams of both companies were locked in meetings with their advisers last night, hammering out the finer points of the deal such as the cush and shares component.

Hillsdown shares rose 8p to 206.5p yesterday, valuing the

husiness at £t.5hn. Unigate shares dipped 16p in 636.5p. A deal would render Hilld-

sown's plans to break itself up unnecessary. Three weeks ago it announced plans that would have left shareholders with shares in three companies. The chilled foods and househuilding arms would have been floated off and the furniture husiness sold.

Unigate is principally interested in the chilled foods husiness which supplies ready meals to Marks & Spencer. It will sell the househuilding and furniture division, which analysts suggest could fetch a combined total of £500m. It would keep the ambient foods division, which includes Ty- 0: phoo tea and Chivers jam in the short term but may sell it on once profits have been improved.

Hillsdown represents a big deal for Unigate as the two husinesses are almost the same size. However Unigate has a cash pile nf nearly £200m and its management, led by chief caecutive, Sir Ross Buckland is highly regarded.

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## Hectic trading in Rentokil amid takeover rumours LONDON Forfaiting Co., providing finance for international trade, translocation of the contraction of the contractio

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group back on its takeover

The stock market appears to think so. There was some hectie trading in Reotokil was not afraid to engage in a shares, with the price shading hostile hid for BET. 1.5p to 415.5p. Compass

firmed 4p to 1,185p. Sir Clive Thompson, the Rentokil chief, has made oo secret of his taste for Compass. He has admitted it is one of three companies be has examined. The others are a Danish group and the in 2001. Securicor mohile telephone The re and security group.

But the Danish business and Securicor, with its deeprooted involvement with BT, could provide the environmental group with unwanted difficulties. On the other hand Compass, like Rentokil's last take over of BET, would represeot a straightforward appeal to shareholders.

Compass cootract catering sprawling service operations. Capitalised at £3.9bn, it would be on more than a tantalising swallow for the highly acquisitive £12bo group, which

> Another big deal - and on past form one is due - from Sir Clive would help to reduce the impact of the 32.2 per cent stake beld by Ratin, the Danish group. It said it is unlikely to retain its interest after its standstill agreement runs out

The rest of the market remajoed weighed down hy overseas considerations. Footsie, after an early 35.4 points surge, ended 7.9 lower at 5,862.3. But the mid cap index displayed its iodependence with a 17.7 gain to 5,898.5. The small cap index fell 3.6 to 2,769.6.

Hillsdown Holdings, as Unigate's interest was duly Compass, which is trading confirmed, rose 8p to 206.5p well, would represent a logi- with Unigate 16p off at 342.5p.

HAS Rentokil Initial put the cal exteosion of Rentokil's 636.5p. The bid is 217p. Compass contract catering sprawling service operations. pricing Hillsdown at £1.58bn. Some wonder whether a Dutch group will attempt to

barge into the talks. Asda slipped 2.25p to 183p oo talk that it is about to fix a trading alliance with Kingfisher, up 22p to 1,105p. Kingfisher is due to take analysts to see its Darty electrical retailing operation in France next mooth.

J Sainsbury improved 3.25p to 488.75p with SBC Warburg talking of a 600p target, and ABN Amro suggested United Biscuits, off 4.25p to 271.75p. was under-

Halifax, hitherto riding high on merger talk and its inclusion in the important Morgan Stanley international share index, came crashing to earth after ABN, worrying about the competition mortgage banks face, said sell. The shares fell 27p to 896p with Woolwich off 11p 10

British Aerospace climbed threesome crashing. Desire 17p to 519p oo more positive Petroleum lost 117.5p to indications about corporate 260p, Greenwich Resources developments at Airbus Industrie, where it has, in effect,

a 20 per ceot stake. The Falkland Islands gusher came, at least for the time being, to a dismal end, Amerada Hess's decision to abandoo ao oil well in the South Atlantic sent the island

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7.25p to 28.5p and Westmount 45p to 182.5p. Lasme, which will lead the exploration of the field involving

the trio, was off 1p at 294.5p. Receot oewcomer AB Airlines rose 9p to 114p, seemingly on the clearance of a stock overhang, and Northern Leisure, the disco chain, fell 16.5p to 515p oo a one-for-

Vosper Thorneycroft, the shipbuilder where takeover gossip is in the air, held at 855p. A fund managers' visit had little impact; Panmure Gordon put a 1,050p target on

PhoneLink was suspended at 47.5p, down 7.5p. It transpires one of its proposed ac- 155p. quisitions does in fact amount to a reverse takeover. The rumour of a merger with its Dutch associate was out so wide of the mark. The company said it was in talks which

could lead to acquisitions related to Raggeborgh Participaties, which holds 165.6 per cent of PhoneLink.

Internet Technology surged 29.5p to 166p after its joint vecture partner, Wave Systems, said it had reached a liceoce agreement with leading component maker Standard MicroSystems. House broker Warburg lifted its target from 120p to 200p. The shares were 38.5p in

February. Newcomer City North, a property group, closed at 158.5p against a 145p placing. On the building pitch Beazer attracted interest 00 talk of a bid from another housebuilder. The shares rose 7p to 220p in busy trading. At

the turn of the year they were

Powerscreen, the engineer, remained depressed after the plunge into losses. The shares fell 13p to 97.5p. The Stock Exchange is prohing a big share trade oo Friday.

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international trade, tumbled 15.5p to 358p, uncomfortably close to its January 12-month low. There is talk the company is a victim of the Far Eastern turmoil and is facing some daunting bad debts. LFC, which produced profits of £38.5m last year, intends to meet analysts in June but a trading statement is not, it seems, planned before then.

PRIMARY Health Properties, which specialises in providing properties for GPs and NHS trusts, should increase profits from £675,000 to £1.2m this year and reach £1.4m next, believes stockbroker Teather & Greenwood. The sbares, 95p, are regarded as a buy.

RECENT newcomer JWE Telecom, 115p a coople of weeks ago, rose another 14p to 161.5p. There is talk one of the major telecom operations is interested in absorbing the group.



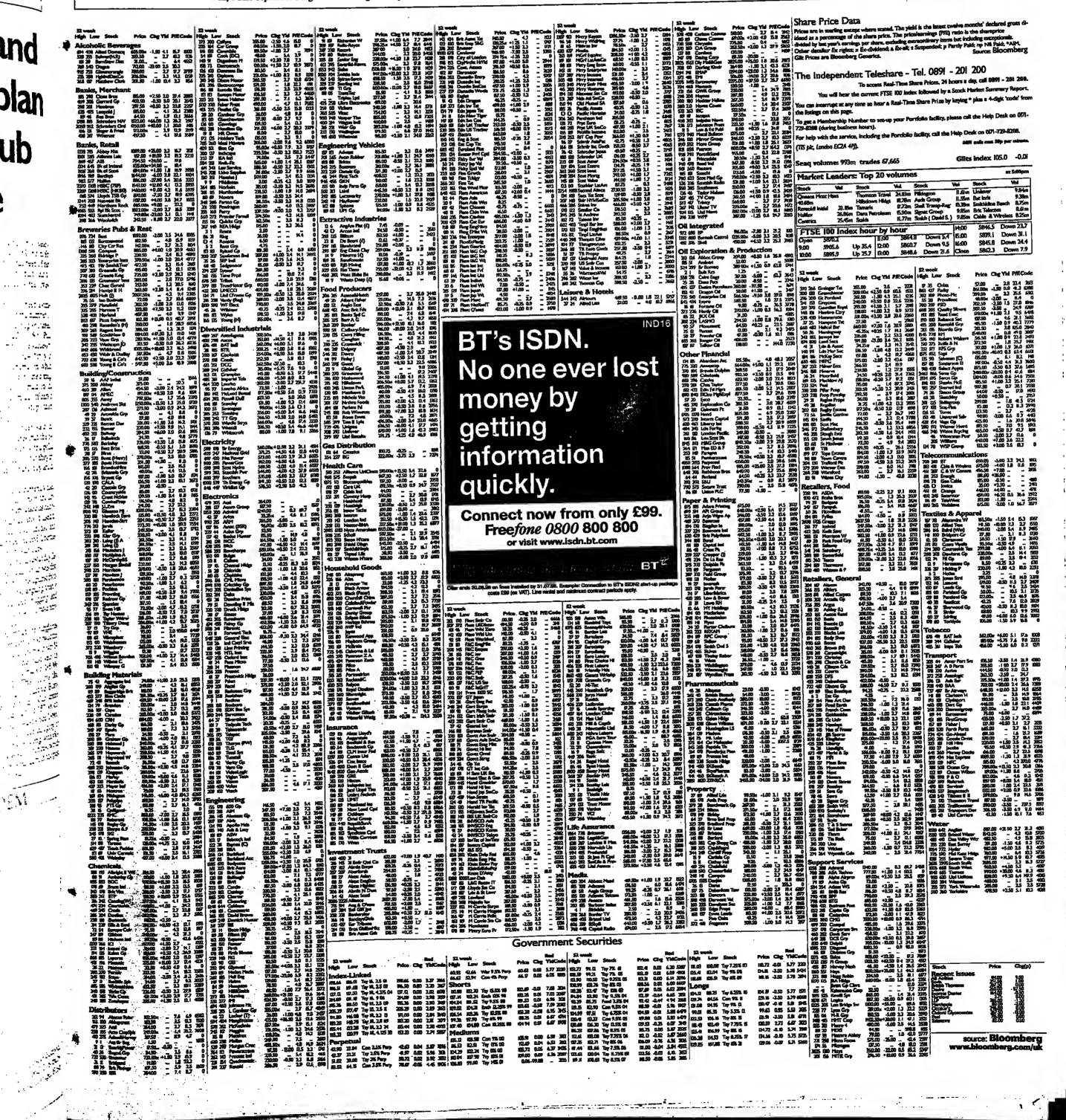
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#### PEOPLE & BUSINESS

#### **CLIFFORD** GERMAN



MIKE THOMPSON is giving up the job of finance director at Bass Leisure after four years in juin Marston Thompson & Evershed, the one remaining big-name brewer based only in Burton on Trent, the birthplace of many famous brewing names and still the brewing capital of Britain. He is teaming up again with Marston's chief executive. Nick Letchet, who left Bass for Marstons last year and stepped up to chief executive in February.

Mike tells me he is not related to the original Thompson family whose brewery merged with Marstons in 1898. But Marstons still regards itself as a traditional family-based company. The brewery's Burton Union rooms were described by real ale pundit Roger Protz as the cathedral of British hrewing and Michael Hurdle, the current chairman, is the fourth member of his family to be chairman in the last 100 years.

AS PART of its contribution to the Goodwood Festival of Speed next month, Guardian Insurance is taking on the responsibility for insuring £14m worth of historic racing cars being flown from America by Lufthansa for the occasion. It will be the most comprehensive line-up of IndyCars ever seen in the UK. They include two cars - one a Peugeot the other an Isotta Fraschini - which tonk part in the 1913 IndvCar 500 just two years after the race was initiated, as well as the V8 supercharged 1946 Novi Governor Special. The cars will be accompanied by some of their most famous drivers including Mario Andretti, Al Unser Snr, Rick Mears and Danny Sullivan.

CHARLES ANSON, the former diplomat and merchant banker (with Kleinwort Benson) and long-time press secretary to HM the Queen (from 1990 to February last year), is moving on again. He joined Grand Metropolitan as group corporate relations director just prior to the merger with Guinness which formed Diageo. Now I hear that he will become head of communications at the European Broadcasting Union on July 20.

The EBU has far outgrown the continent of Europe and now has 66 members in 49

countries including East and West Africa and the Middle East. Its main tasks are to negotiate broadcasting rights for top sporting and suchlike events on behalf of its members, organise the exchange of TV and radio programmes between its members and foster the co-production of programmes.

TWIN headlines leap out from the front page of the Weir Bulletin, the bi-monthly journal of the Glasgow-based engineering group. Banner headlines proclaim that "the group is on course," and operating profits are "much in line with last year". It also reveals that Lord Weir, the executive chairman is to retire. Lord Weir has agreed to accept the new position of bonorary president, he will be replaced as chairman by the current managing director. Sir Ron Garrick, and the search is now on for a successor to Sir Ron. Applications please to Sir Ron in Glasgow, not to me.

I HAVE been invited to attend Invest 98, billed as the most exciting private investor event of the year, to be held on 6 June at the Business Design Centre in Islington, London. This oneday event, hosted by Barclays Stockbrokers, will, I am assured, provide delegates with the opportunity to share the stock market secrets of some of the world's leading investment experts and participate in conference sessions using the latest interactive technology.

The speakers include Mary Buffett, former daughter-in-law of Warren Buffett, the world famous investor who makes decisions that move global markets from the depths of Nebraska, and author of Buffettology, a guide to the techniques he uses. Other speakers include Trevor McDonald, the TV anchorman and apparently a latter-day Samuel Smiles, and Brian Maher, voted by institutional investors as the best technical analyst in the UK for six years in a row.

Richard Wilson, aka Victor Meldrew, will present the mandatory "alternative view" on the stock market. There should be something there for everyone.

HOT NEWS from the fast-food jungle, where research from Euromonitor reveals that Americans spent \$376 a head on fast food last year. closely followed by Canadians. Japanese are the third biggest consumers and Brits come fourth, spending the equivalent of \$63 a head. Neither sushi nor fish and chips has been able to fight off the invasion, although the research shows the fast food chains have had to adapt menus to assimilate national tastes.

Italy, the bome of the pizza, has proved the most resistant to foreign fast food, according to Euromonitor's Valerio Capo, spending a miserable \$8 a head, forcing McDonalds, whose growth policy at least is organic, to buy husinesses to build its market share.

TONY RUDSTON, chief executive of BPC since 1996 and a man with 40 years' experience of the printing industry, has been confirmed as chief executive of Webinvest, the holding company formed to acquire and merge BPC and Watmoughs. Jim Brown will be finance director.

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## Falklands oil shares hit as Amerada quits

By Terry Macalister

THE FALKLANDS Islands oil boom was punctured yesterday, knocking over 30 per cent off the value of shares in Desire Petroleum quoted on the London stock market.

Other companies with interests in the Falklands were also marked down. Oil group Lasmo saw its shares dip 1p to 294.5p while the port and hotel operator Falkland Islands dropped 21p to 179p.

The south Atlantic bubble burst late Wednesday night when Amerada Hess, announced it was abandoning the first well in the region. Amerada Hess said it had

encountered traces of hydrocarbons but added: "Appraisal showed that these were not present in commercial quantities." The well 14/09-I in tranch A of the North Falklands Basin

has been plugged and abandoned. Amerada Hess will move back into its acreage in the last quarter of the year. Meanwhile the rig is being

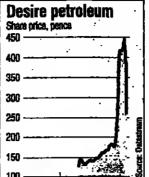
passed on to Shell, which will start its own exploration drilling programme immediately.

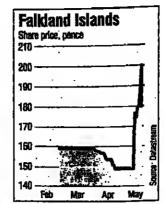
Shares in Desire, launched at the turn of the year at 125p, had risen to 495p on the back of feverish speculation that Amerada's drilling rig, Borgny Dolphin, had hit oil. Yesterday shares in Desire closed at 260p. The Desire share roller-

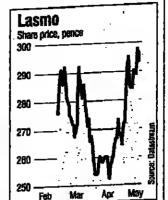
coaster had started on 19 May. Although management urged caution, its shares rose 24 per cent that day on speculation that Amerada had found signs of hydrocarbons.

Analysts said yesterday that finding anything at all was encouraging but oil shows did not in themself prove the Falklands to be an interesting area for exploration. They pointed out that even

in proven oil provinces like deepwater Gulf of Mexico, the success rate on wells drilled was only one in four. For unex-









Sir Rex Hunt, Desire chairman, in his days as the governor of the Falkland Islands

plored areas like the Falklands was one in 10.

Alan Marshall, energy analyst with Robert Fleming, said it could take up to 20 wells to really know where one stood, "We are no further forward really in terms of the Falklands being an oil province. Certain shares were over-hyped. It was like the bad old days when the charactaristics of the sector were seen as highly specula-

Desire was established

specifically to take advantage of interest in the South Atlantic. The fact that it has former Clyde Petroleum chief, Dr Colin Phipps, associated with It Icnt it credibility with investors.

Other speculative companies have also been formed, including Sodra, established by Adolf H. Lundin whose international Petroleum Corporation is quoted in Sweden and Canada.

There were four blocks offered by the Falkland Islands government as part of its first round licensing round. Oil companies have agreed to share the costs of keeping the semi-submersible rig in the area.

The licensing has caused political friction with Argentina which recently warned it planned to levy its own tax on any oil that was produced in the

The enthusiasm for drilling in new areas has partly diminished because of the slump in the price of oil.

## Foreign banks see Emu as vital for City

By Lea Paterson

INTERNATIONAL banks believe London will continue as Europe's financial capital, according to a survey out today, but only if it eventually enters ..., economic and monetary union (Emu).

According to the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the UK's decision not to participate in the first wave has had no material impact on the capital's attractiveness as an international financial centre.

However, if the UK were never to join, this would detract from London's position as the centre of European financial markets, according to 42 per cent of respondents.

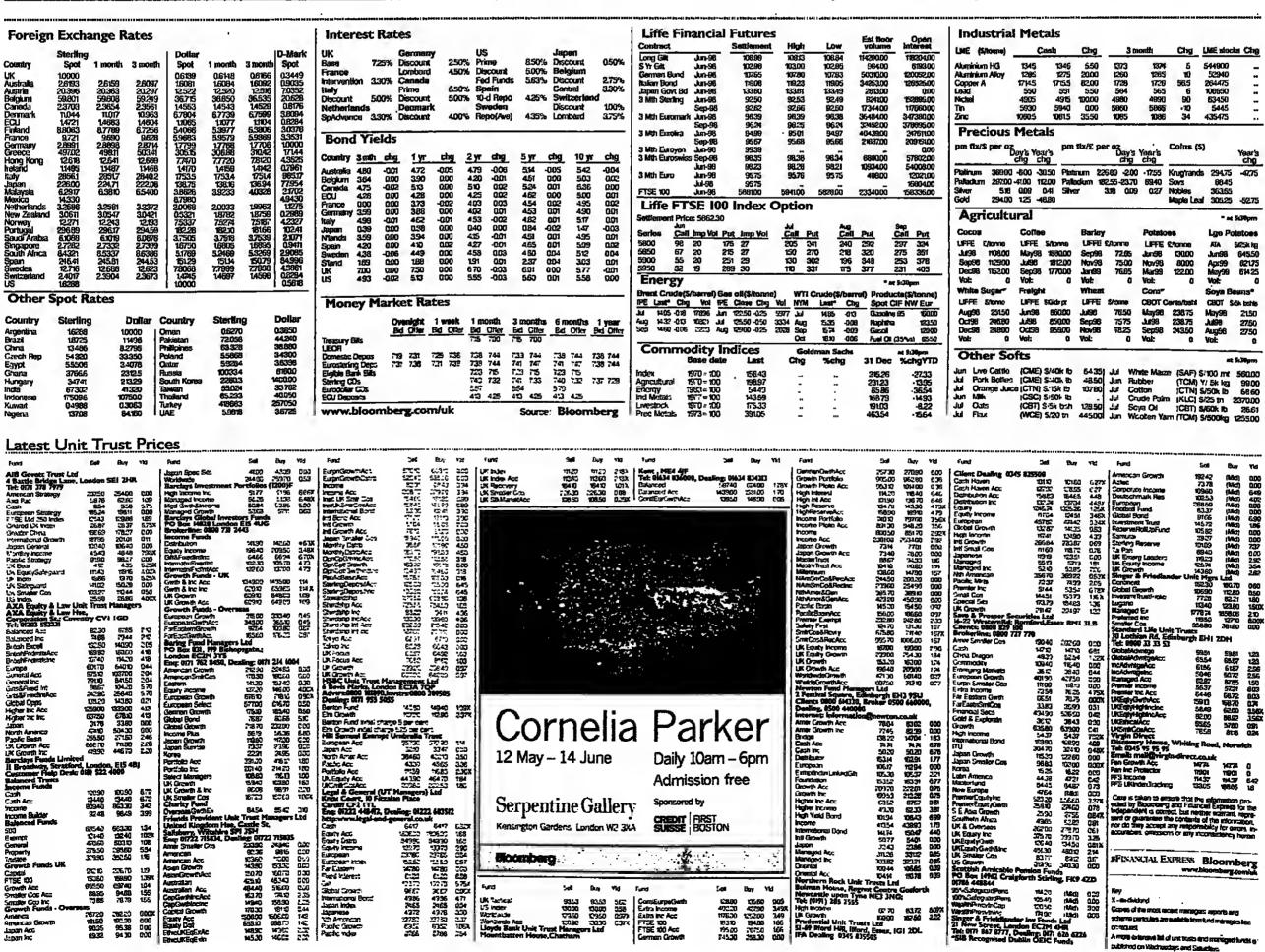
Simon Spertyn, chief executive of the London Chamber of Commerce, said: "London's inherent strengths are more than sufficient to overcome any problems caused by the UK's non-participation in the single currency.

David Heathcoat-Amory MP. shadow Chief Secretary, said: "London will continue to be Europe's premier location for financial services if it maintains its cost advantages and builds on its traditional strengths."

A hundred foreign banks based in the City were surveyed. The banks cited high quality telecommunications, depth of financial markets, availability of labour, tradition and political stability as the five most important ingredients for any successful financial centre.

London scored highly on all five criteria, although respondents were more scathing about the costs of doing business in London - in particular, property costs and labour costs, Neither did the capital's transport network score highly.

London's regulatory regime was regarded as more favourable than those of Tokyo, Zurich, Berlin and Frankfurt.



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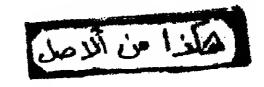
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nections of possible rivals yesterday digested the news that Cape Verdi will run in the Der- in the Derby field with a win by a week tomorrow, there was little obvious sign that the 1,000 credit. Hulland, meanwhile, three-year-old colt should find an alternative engagement. The

that Cecil had decided on his Derby runner would set off a Kings in the 2,000 Guineas and run at the betting shops, but nce Sadian appeared to reveal some rather abvious limitations when second to High-Rise in the Lingfield Derby Trial, odds of 33-1 and more are still freely available. It is oncouraging, however, that Cecil is willing to send the colt tn Epsom, since with not just Cape Verdi, but also King Of Kings, the 2,000 Guineas winner, and his stablemate Second Empire also on course for the Derby, some had feared that the race covered about a mile and a might cut up to no more than quarter of the Sussex track.

salising their Classic plans yesterday, with Barry Hills booking Glow-Worm in the Derby, Hills has famously yet to win the Derby despite filling any number of places in the frame, and The Glow-Worm is rated no better than a 40-1 chance to give him

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steered the 150-1 chance Blues Traveller into third place for Hills five years ago. Hills will also have a runner in the French Derby, where he will be represented by Prolix. Chantilly, with John Dunlop's Rabah being joined by Mudger and Central Park, one of last

his first success in eight days'

time. His backers are not en-

tirely without encouragement,

however, since The Glow-

Worm will be the only runner

over course and distance to his

Godnlphin. Dunlinp's best three-yearold, however, is Haami, who finished fifth behind King Of reportedly worked well at Goodwond nn Wednesday evening as part of his final preparations for the Derby. Accompanied by Silver Patriarch, last year's St Leger win-

season's best juveniles, both of

whom run in the royal blue of

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Colway Ritz (Ayr 3.50) NB: Tasik Chini (Bath 7.25)

ner, and Right Wing, Haami

"It was a nice bit of work," Other trainers too were fi- Dunlop said. "They went a good gallop, and Haami came up on the outside and quick-Darryl Holland to ride The ened up really well. What was nice was that Haami was settled and relaxed.

Haami could form 50 per cent of Hamdan al Maktoum's challenge for a third Derby. since Alec Stewart's Mutamam remains a possible runner at Ensom. The Predominate Stakes runner-up had a gentle workout yesterday morning, and a decision on whether he will run in the Classic will be taken before the next declaration stage tomorrow morning.

Ian Balding is far from amused by a newspaper report linking Pat Eddery to the Derby ride on Border Arrow, The trainer insisted that Ray Cochrane, who found trouble in running when he partnered Border Arrow in the Dante Stakes at York, will ride him again in the Classic. Eddery, meanwhile, is still without a Derby booking.

TONY MCCOY, the champi-nn jockey whn has ridden 253 en in sitting out the end of the campaign which closes tomprwinners this season, has become row. McCoy, whose wins this the latest big name to be ruled term beat the previous record out of the last days of the jumps of 221 set by Peter Scudamore season. He juins Richard Dun- in 1988/89, injured his back in woody, Adrian Maguire, Jamie a fall in the Marlborough Cup Osborne, Paul Carberry. An- last Sunday and is likely to be drew Thornton and Peter Niv- out of action for three weeks.

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13.00: 1.5MAMBDOR (M Richards) 9-1; 2.90: 1.5MAMBDOR (M Richards) 9-1; 2. Soldier Malt 11-1; 3. Silent Action 20-1; 4. Heart 9-1. 18 ran. 5-1 fav Berande 11/e. 11. (Mar P Richard). Patr 21240; 5230, 5190, 9450, 5190, 05

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3.30 CALDERPRINT RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000

BETTING: 7-4 Aldwych Arrow, 9-4 Such Boldness, 3-1 Revolution, 9-3

4.00 PEN HILL CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 5f

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- 10 declared -9ETTING: 5-2 Super Gell, 3-1 Insider Trader, 7-2 Silk Cottage, 7-1 Palace-gate Jack, 10-1 Balance The Books, 12-1 Newbargen, 20-1 Trophy Cer-

4.30 WENSLEY SPRINT HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 5f

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FORM QUIDE

A race containing several seasoned sprint handscappers of which Astrac and TSLER both ran down the field when unfanced in the Ladbroke Handscap at Newmarket 67, good to soft; TILER has since nun hever in less competitive company, most receiptly when made favourite (2-1) timshing soft of 10, becten 51, behind Daawe at Doncaster (61, good), lest week. The first time home that day were all drawn high and Mark Johnston's genuine charge is worth another chance on a course where he won less July. Waterin Amnor is another who appreciates the track and mp, and ran he best race from four outings this settlement when a cone-paced fourth of 3, 3 1.2 behind Lunch Party at Massaburgh (71), this weeks ago, For The Present sloped down the weights test season and should improve on his essential research several outpaced behind (First at Thrist 64, good). The extra furling should such him here. Of the three-year-olds, Busz found the company too hot when unsplaced in a valuable forch handson (71, good), two weeks goo, but had previously run a good second, beaten it, behind Foot at Hamilton (61,good to scri). Ryeffeld boked as if he would appreciate an attra fixing when a beating favoure milk. Johnsyro, four times a winner lest season, has store fixing when a beating favoure milk just the time to the previous provides at Muselburgh (51 firm), Maddesen's littings is so turns the year include a win to the all-weather at Southwell back in February (69).

Selection: TaleR

| 3-20 | GILT-EDGED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added | 1m 2f Penalty Value £3,444 | 000 ON THE DEF CHANCE £6) µD Histon B McKalin 8 & 0. K Send (6) 7 MARISOL (115) (Man W Majade F Montanth 5 95 Darron Rollina (3) 3 000 MARISOL (115) (Man W Majade F Montanth 5 95 Darron Rollina (3) 3 000 MARISOL (115) (Maj QUB) (Darron Bolley Parmantip Ltd) J J Offeld 18 6 N.W Supple 1 5 ONESLE (17) (EF) (Ma K Doylet P Chappin-Hyam 38 0 K Fellon 5 THE PRESIDENT North Rodry Participated J L Eym 38 10 J Warner & 6 COME UP SHELING (LISA) (20) (Mancour Al Michanur) E During 385 G Carter 8 05 MILDING (31) (C J Jakin R Guer 3 8 5 D D Holland 2 BETTHIC 7-4 Omntile 5-2 Case (in Sonline 3-1 Millions, 6-1 Happy Days, 15-1 The President,

3.50 GREIG MIDDLETON STOCKBROKERS CUP HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,750 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £5,508 

Menimum weight: 7st 10th. True hardicap weight: Swan Island 7st 10th.
BETTING: 7-2 Yarana's Pace, 4-1 Stormless, 9-2 Over To You, 7-1 Yop Jeco, Colway Ritz, Bast Of
All, 6-1 Brave Montigoessis, 10-1 others
1997; Maint 5-9 7 Dances Martist (3) 11-4 if fav (P Calver) chawn (2) 5 ram

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OVER TO YOU put a poor run behind him when coming from well off the paceto finish.

It behind Party Romence at Ripon (fin 2), good to firm), with Columny Ritz, (3th better it today), 21/4 back in fifth, and Reave Montgomeria, (8th better off), 3t behind, Stomorth from the second of the conditions underfoot when a 3t winner at Hemition earlier this less clearly related the conditions underfoot when a 3t winner at Hemition earlier this Reave No charge was twice a winner of hericitogic last season and site has yet to hit form YAYAMAHTS PACE rith his first race since moving from related handload. (Im, good to firm), when third, 2t behind Sick as A Partot in a Beveriey rated handload. (Im, good to firm), when third, 2t behind Sick as A Partot in a Beveriey rated handload. (Im, good to firm) two weeks ago, He was running on wall at the Brish. Top Jean has form on the all-weather weeks ago, He was running an output of times this season but had no excuses at He has locked unfoldy in running a couple of times this season but had no excuses when we behind Moveiga, beaten tell at Doncaster (in 2), good to firm). Begonnet has improved with every race this season and must have a chance on his staging on, fourth of 3, 2/il behind Luguesse at York (in 44, good to soft). Selections YayaMAHTS PACE

4.20 GREIG MIDDLETON PORTFOLIO CHARITY CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m 5f 13yds £2,234 

-7 declared 10-1 Nayth, 15-1 Montreer, 4-1 Go With The Wind, 5-1 Tycoon Tine, 5-1 Salese Led, Forty Love, 10-1 Nayth, 15-1 Montreer
10-1 Nayth, 15-1 Montreer
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#### Wolverhampton

HYPERION

2.10 Be Warned 2.40 China Castle 3.10 First Malte 3.40 Maybe Special 4.10 State Approval 4.40 Lady Jazz

A-40 Lady J32Z

GOBNS: Standard.

STALLS: 71 - outside; risst - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: high from 61 to 1m 4t.

©Foresand, left-hand, oval course.

©Course is N of town on A449. Wolverhampton station 1m. ADMISSION: Cub £15; Tattersale £6 (OAP members of Diamond
Cub £9; Viewing Restaurant £2590 including entrance and meal.
CAR PARK: tree.

©LEADING TRAINERS: R Hollinshead 70-644 (109%), M Johnston 59-264 (223%), J Berry 49-323 (52%), P Hasham 40-23 (189%).

©LEADING JOCKEYS: 5 Sandars 44-95; (225%), G Dutfield
29-92 (51%), J F Egen 19-15 (57%), A McCarthy 18-122 (148%).

©FAVOURITES: 49-1291 (325%), A McCarthy 18-122 (148%).

©FAVOURITES: 49-1291 (325%), Tall-Y-Llyn (210), General Song
(visored, 240), Phoenix Princesa (440), Zobalda (440), Kertali
(visored, 410).

2.10 CLOWN AMATEUR RIDER HANDICAP STAKES (G) £2,500 added 1m 100yds 

— 13 declared —
Minimum welght: Set 3tb. Tine handing weights: Cheerful Groom 8st 10th,
Dan't Drop Bambs 8st 9tb, Head Gardyner 8st 8tb, Dreem Certier 8st 3tb.
Ripanorier 8st 1tb, Durston Durgem 8st, Apost Jackson 7st 8tb.
BETTING: S-2 Be Warmed, N-2 tablem Styrophony, 7-1 Head Gardener, 8-1
Mr Nevermind, Chearful Groom, 10-1 Kingchip Boy, Dan't Drop Bombs,

2.40 GROUPER CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m 1f 79yds

4.40 ANGEL HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added fillies & mares 7f 

## Bath

6,25 Conoisseur Bay 6.55 Chocolate Souffle 7.25 Hillswick 7.55 Emperor Naheen 8.25 Comflower Fields 8.55 Coolin River

6.25 GRETTLETON MAIDEN STAKES SKY

32-40 WAY OUT YOMDER (24) B His 98 \_\_\_\_

7.25 FRIDAY EVENING HANDICAP SKY

- 9 declared -BETTING: 7-2 Tecik Chini, B-2 Coloridge, 5-1 Aguevita, 8-1 World Ex-press, Hillantick, 7-1 High On Life, 8-1 Bowled Over, 14-1 others

3.10 £10,000 added 6f
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- 15 declared -
Minimum weight: 7st 10th, True handlesp weight: My Tyson 7st 8th.
BETTING: 7-2 Pest Maite, 8-1 King Of Penu, State Of Cantion, 7-1 Zig-
gy's Dancer, 0-1 Maine, 10-1 Time To Fly, Wolffemt, 12-1 Arian Da, 14-1
Fire Of Species, Premier Beron, Semerar, Sente Faye, 25-1 My Tyson
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3.40 EDWIN ROOPE SOTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION MAIDEN STAKES
(CLASS D) £4,400 added 2YO 6f
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4 22 MAYBE SPECIAL (12) (BF) P Hadisin 98 A McCartiny (5) 2
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8 FLEUR D'OR (25) M Polylane 88
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BETTING: 4-5 Maybe Special, 9-2 No Warping, 7-1 Gold Honor, Parleing
Blue, 14-1 Sentandre, 16-1 Bellycroy River, 25-1 Jampet, Flour d'Or
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3.10 49'S HANDICAP (CLASS C)

4.10 LION SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 1m 4f

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STALLS: Straight - far side; round course - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best in 51 & 51 f61 yds.

elufi-hand, galloping course - four furiong run-in bends to the last and is uphill all the wey.

eCourse is 2m NW of city near A451. Bath station 2m.

ADMISSION CLUG CST; Tettersells 29; Silver Ring 25; Course 22.

CAR PARIC: Centre of course 25 for car plus driver and 22 for each pessenger; remainder tree
ell EADING TRAINFERS: R Charlion 17-54 (\$15%), P Cole 14-68

[205%), M Charmon 14-119 (\*18%), J Hills 9-54 (\*127%),
eLEADING JOCKEYS: J Relat 31-113 (\*159%), T Quiran 15-120

(\*2.5%), R Hughes 13-81 (\*13%), T Spraids 12-124 (\$17%),
eFAVOURITES: 151-437 (\$45%),
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Mancher (\$55).

- 8 declared -BETTING: 4-9 Connoiseaux Bay, 7-2 Way Out Youder, 10-1 Henry Heeld, 20-1 Another Beveled, 25-1 Phayuha Kiri Love, Tommy's Troubles.

6.55	E.B.F. SWAINSWICK MAIDEN   (D) 24,500 2YO filles 5f 161yds	SKY
0.00	(D) £4,500 2YO fillies 5f 161yds	
	CHOCOLATE SOUFFLE P Cob 8 11	T Orden 1
8	CRUCKET'S SONG (11) 8 Meetion 8 11	
	DANCING GISELLE M Blanshard & 11	
	DIVINE LADY A Jervis 8 11	
8	FEARLESS LADY (11) V Soune 8 11	C Retter
_	NAVERE J & Moore 8 11	- R Price 1
	IRISH MELODY & Methon & 11	
8	KARAKUL (25) M Fetherston-Godley 8 11	
_	LITTLE GENT R Henron B 11	
1	PRINCESS FOLEY D Heydr Jones 8,11	
	SHEWOLFF P Makin 8 ti	
	SUMS LADY K Burke 9 11	
i	VEGA NEUTRAL P Shelespeers 8 11	
	ZOLA POWER G L Moore 8 ff	
	- 14 declared -	
ETTENG: 9-4	Chocolate Souffle, 5-1 Little Gers, 7-1 Crician	s Song, 10
	She-Wolff, 12-1 Obline Lady, Princess Foley,	
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7.55 HAYMAKING CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 3YO 5f 11yds (CLASS F) £3,000 added 3YO 5f 11yds
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0000-0 LAMDURA (31) 9 Brotheron 86. A Mackay 2
5P5-00 GOLDEMACRES (15) U Novile 85. R Prevent 8
265-25 MASS SCOOTER (36) A P.Jones 84. S Drowne 1
8 DYESS (24) W G M Turner 82. S Righton (7) A
02005. VERDANT EXPRESS (240) W G M Turner 82. T Sprains 3
00000 HERIESS OF MEATH (2) M Using 88. P Doe (5) 5 BETTING: 6-4 Emperor Naberm, 3-1 Percy-P; 7-2 Mins Scooler, 14-1 Leaves R To Rodney, Verdant Express, 16-1 Goldoniscres, 20-1 Lemours, Dyess, Heirens Of Meeth

8.25 HAMSWELL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) \$5,000 added filies 1m 5yds 9ETTING: 3-1 Sweet Pee, 4-1 Spiral Dreem, 5-1 Lovin Spoonlet, 0-1 Coro Roser Fields, 7-1 Nystic Fight, 14-1 Principal Eleke, Spanish Eyes, 18-1

8.55 END OF THE DAY HANDICAP (CLASS E) 23,750 added 3YO 1m 5yds 

●Redoubtable, a one-time 2,000 Guineas fancy, was a narrow winner of the Tote Handicap of Ayr vesterday. The bay was trained by Richard Hannon when 18th of 23 to Mister Baileys at Newmarket four years ago. Redoutable was bought for 6,500 guineas by David Chapman at the Newmarket July Sales. Victory looked unlikely as Almuhimm led inside the last furlace, but Tony Culhane sent his mount through a gap against the far rail to lead strides from the line.

Richard Hannon, Dane O'Neill and Richard Hughes had a great day at Brighton yesterday. Hannon saddled a 286-1 treble with Dillionaire, Maiella and Sizzling, O'Neill won on the latter pair for 8 92-1 double and Hughes bagged an 80-1 double with Dillionaire and

# Cape Verdi

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AS BOTH punters and the con-Guineas winner will persuade many trainers that their best

latest declaration stage for the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) at Chantilly un Sunday. Three more British-based colts an obvious second choice, are also expected to run at passed without any significant additions from British yards, and the most significant development was the removal of Sadian from the French race. The colt is now expected to represent Henry Cecil at Epsom instead. In some seasons, the news

a dozen runners.

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First Malte	4-1	7-2	9.7	72	7-3
King Of Peru	6-1	7-1	61	7-1	<u>6-1</u>
State Of Caution	11-2	7-1	11-2	7-1	13-2
Ziggy's Denter	7-1	13-5	8-1	61	7-1
Molita	9-1	8-1	7-1	6-1	6-1
Aring Da	12-1	101	11-1	70-1	12-1
Time to Fly	8-1	12-1	101	12-1	71-7
Wolfhant	12-1	11-1	101	10-1	101
Promier Barnes	14-1	11-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Five OI Spucies	14-1	16-1	11-1	74-1	14-1
Senta Faye	94-1	14-1	16-1	12-1	14-1
Section	14-1	14-1	18-1	14-1	16-1
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## McCoy out for three weeks

NR: Rejet. 3.40: 1. MAIELLA (Dane O'Nell) 18-1; 2. Highbury Legend 9-1; 3. Aegest Breeze 7-1, 14 mm. 4-1 fev Heroldon (5th), Hd, 5. (R

fourth. Placepot: £49700. Quadpot: £58.60. Place 6: £78103: Place 5: £39862. UTTOXETER

NR: Calon Lan. 2.30: 1. PRUSSIA (M A Fitzgerald) 8-1: 2. Denring Bridge 2-1; 3. Grange Court 13-6 fex 8 ram. 1/4, 10. (W Clay), Total: 2500; £130, £130, £150, DF: £1230, CSF: £2314

2450, C190, DF: E3080, CSF: E3846. Tric-set E130488. This: E36870. 3.30: 1. SUPER RAPIER (R Johnson) seres tw.; 2. Rustic Air 5-1; 3. Spanish Light 16-1. 0 rain. 11, shahid. (G Hubbard). Toba-2210; E150, E160, DF: E2360. CSF: £553 4.00: 1. COURT CRICULAR (R Johnson) 2-1 fax; 2. Sun Alart 5-2, 3. Mocinilight Air 5-1 7 rain. 14, 9. (W Clay). Toba: £340; £170. £170. DF: £270. CSF: £744. Tricast; £362. NF: Whelmposite.

P: Wretungste. 4.30: 1. JOBN ACCOUNT Date F Needham) 11-2; 2. Hittoratown Lase 10-30 fav. 3. Very Daring 40-1: 14 ran. 14, 5. Nas F Needham), Tota: 55.20; 2180, 2200, 2150 DF: 21080, CSF: 22090, Tet: 228710 **Stratford** HYPERION

6.10 Cheater 6.40 Mutawali 7.10 Riverbank Rose 7.40 Double Thriller 8.10 Mr Playfull 8.40 Balladur GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places, watered).

eLeft-hand course with 200yds run-in.

GCourse is SW of Stationd-on-Avan on A439, Stration destion
im ADMISSION: Cub £13 : Tationsale £9; Course £4 CAR PARKS

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6.10 KNIGHT FRANK NOVICE SKY D) £5,000 added 2m 5f 110yds

p weights: Paper's Choice Bet 71th, Touch Sheri Bet 7th. Bullypillist Lat 9 at 7th.
BETTING: 6-1 Saxon Mead, 7-1 Ordoy Mor, 6-1 Barford Sovereign, Lough
Tally, Pearst Conice, 10-1 Orchantal Suite, Dualle Imp, Millerstord, Tight
Fist, Rossell Island, Ballygrillin Lad, 12-1 others

6.40 CROSBY HOMES MIDLANDS SKY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE SKY (CLASS G) £2,000 added 2m 110yds

(CLASS G) £2,000 added 2m 110yds

1 -00465 ISLAND VISION (34) (D) J O'Shen 8 TI 13 Michael Brenom V

2 LIDTHS GLOMING PATH (F14) (D) R Hodges 8 TI 12 \_\_\_\_ Harris (7)

3 -454P PHALARDS (22) (CD) Main Nicholay TO TI 2. Mr S Dunck (8)

4 -20265 Reightstone (39) (D) (BP) M Ppc 5 TI 10 \_\_\_\_ C Minute

5 -35500 PARO OF JACKS 20) (CD) P Hobbs 8 TI 10 \_\_\_\_ C Minute

5 -35500 PARO OF JACKS 20) (CD) T Miston 8 TI 8 \_\_\_\_ M A Filtzper (7)

7 -87544 CUILLIN CAPER (199) (CD) T Witton 8 TI 8 \_\_\_\_ M A Filtzper (8)

8 -50500 PLION (9) (CD) JAINS 18 \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M A Stagher B

9 -30-30 COUNTO FF AMDERS (64) (BF) K Morgan 8 TI 2 \_\_\_\_ A S Staffs

10 E233P4 NIGHT TIME (18) (CD) H Hours 8 TI 10 \_\_\_\_\_ G Strends (6)

17 -05500 EXCLUSION (4) (D) J Heberton B TI B \_\_\_\_\_ R Garriby

13 -05500 PLATENCE (7) (D) J Heberton B TI B \_\_\_\_\_ R Garriby

14 -536FP OUT OF THE BILLE (28) M Eckley 6 TI B \_\_\_\_\_ C Liceration

15 -PPC45 MUTAWALL (27) (D) R Beller 8 TI 0 \_\_\_\_\_\_ V Staffacy

16 -PPC950 SPENCER STALLOWE (17) Grey 10 TI 0.8 \_\_\_\_\_ R Johnson (7)

17 -05F0/3 MOSTHETEN MATION (8) (7) W Gry 10 TI 0.8 \_\_\_\_\_ R Johnson (7)

18 -PE200 EMERALD VENTURE (23) (D) F Caper TI 0.8 \_\_\_\_\_\_ R Thorston

20 -4P0/5 STRETCHING (4) M J W Gry 10 TI 0.8 \_\_\_\_\_\_ R Thorston

-20 decisions weight: Total Total Reiner (4) M J Millionson 5 TI 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ S Moleminer (4) H Collegander 7 TI 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ R Thorston

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Alicierum weight: 10st. True handlop weights: Museum 9st 13th, Spancer
Stallone 9st 13th, Northum Nation 9st 13th, Emerald Venture 9st 17th, East
Bertinke 7-1 Brighstone, 8-1 Glowing Path, Pair Of Jacks, Collin Caper, Count Of Flanders, Northern Nation, 18-1 Don't Worry Miles, 12-1
others

– 11 declared – BETTING: 8-1 Pleasure Time, 9-2 Arjan, 0-1 Bowlere Boy, Just Dissider 6-1 Royal Doma, Superbit, 10-1 Rude Awatening, 12-1 others 7.10 TARMAC CONSTRUCTION SKY E) £3,000 added 3m 3f

History resigns: 10st. Two handless weights: Whitebonnet Sst 9th, Winter Rose Set 5th, Shucy Man Sst 4th, Happy Horse Set 5th, Happy H 7.40 WEATHERBYS CHAMPION SKY NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £7,500 added 3m 4f

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2222 BALSTEROS (20) Ms 8 Thomson 9 28 Ms 8 Thomson (7)

2 1Umin BANMAGH MOR 25) J. H. Burbidge 7 28 ... Ms 7 Hills (7)

3 14-21 DOUBLE THRULER (30) R C Wildres 8 28 ... Ms 7 Hills (7)

5 247 FALSE TAIL (23) R Batter 8 28 ... ... Ms 7 Hills (7)

5 247 FOLDEN (ROPS) (N2) (14) P Rich 10 28 ... Ms N Wildle (7)

8 PLPM GOOD (JONG HENRY (8) Wildlownto 12 28 Ms 1 Wildlownto 17

7 283331 GOOD (JONG CEV) (23) Ms N Jongs 22 28 ... Ms N Mills (7)

8 21PH HIGH GUARDIAN (12) T L Jones 9 28 ... Ms P Jones (8)

9 1822 LAST (PTION (14) R Hes 9 28 ... Ms F Nestham (7)

18 12254 COOLAGNIN (ADY (6) W Heliday 9 11 9 ... Ms R Roster (7)

2 10-123 (RETTLES (23) M Deniel 11 11 8 ... ... Ms A Phillips (7)

2 1422 (RETTLES (23) M Deniel 11 11 8 ... ... Ms A Phillips (7)

3 1422 MESTER ANDS (ZEEN (20) H Manners 9 70 July A Calains (7)

18 1422 HOUSE THE SEC (15) Hills (15) H Bernsgh Mc, 10-1 High Guardian

BET (1002-2-1 Double Thelles (15) H Bernsgh Mc, 10-1 High Guardian

— 13 declared — EETING: 2-1 Double Thrille, 5-1 False Fal, 7-1 Bernsigh Mcc, 10-1 High Gos. Last Optice, 34-Falg., 22-1 Sullisterice, Westerlands Cassen, 14-1 others 8.10 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m 4f

8.40 OXFORO NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) 23,750 added 2m 110yds

Thirty years ago today Old Trafford's finest beat Benfica to win the European Cup. Ken Jones recalls a pivotal moment at Wembley

## The night Busby met United's destiny

WHEN Matt Busby raised the European Cup amid scenes of great emotion at Wembley on 29 May 1968, few realised the parlous state into which Manchester United were

Busby's aura, the genius of George Best alongside such notable figures as Bobby Charlton, Denis Law (who watched the match from a hospital bed), Pat Crerand and Nobby Stiles obscured issues that would send Manchester United into the Second Division within five years of their greatest triumph.

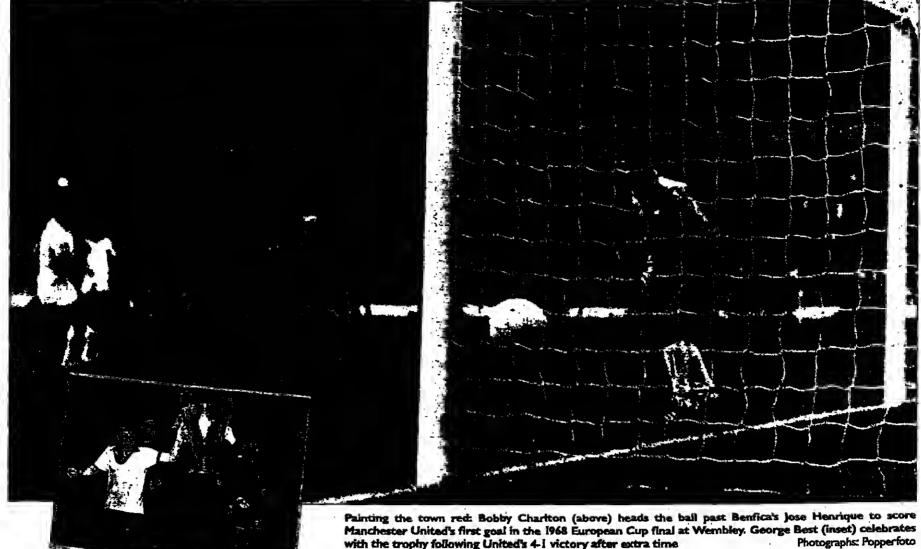
Although appearing recovered from grievous physical and emotional wounds inflicted by the Munich air disaster 10 years earlier, his reputation enhanced by the achievements of a rebuilt team, Busby in fact no longer possessed the energy to secure United's long-term future.

Supply lines were drying up and Busby'a heart-felt warning - Too much 'mind' could ruin the game" - spoke of the frustration caused in him by technical developments.

No tactician, Busby's strength was in deployment, his profound sense of the roles in which players were most likely to be effective. Coupled with a deep attachment to the beauty and romance of football it made Busby a great manager, the ultimate football man, but by 1968 he was presiding over the inertia that would put 25 years between Manchester United and their next League championship.

None of this registered with the army of supporters who descended on Wembley in the hope that Busby's vision - if overtaken by Celtic's groundbreaking conquest a year earlier would at last be rewarded with the trophy he had cherished since 1956 after persuading Manchester United's directors to defy the Football League, who ruled against participation in the European Cup on the insular grounds that extra fixtures would seriously disrupt the domestic programme.

The years had rolled by, from the tragedy of 1958 to 1966 when United, down 2-0 from the first leg of a semi-final against Partizan of Belgrade and without Best, were unable to make up the deficit at Old Trafford. Another opportunity lost, an- let's do it properly."



other chance coming with the 1967 championship. Busby had sent out hetter teams, but perhaps this one would bring fulfillment.

Easily past Hibernians of Malta in the opening round, United then defeated Sarajevo of Yugoslavia to set up a quarter-final tie against the Polish champions, Gornik. Taking a two-goal lead to the Silesian coalfields, Busby making a rare concession to negative tactics, United hung on for a narrow aggregate victory. "There's a job of work to do he," he had said in the dressing room. "So

Of all the clubs who have fought for the European Cup none did more to glamorize it than the present holders, Real Madrid, so when United were drawn against them in the semifinals destiny seemed to be working overtime. If no longer the Real of Al-

fredo di Stefano (Busby's favourite

player), Ferenc Pusicas and Raymond

Kopa, a great tradition ran strong in

their blood. Holding United at Old Trafford to one of Best's most breathtaking goals, Real almost battered them into

with instructions to keep their heads

and protect the ball, still without Law whose right knee was badly swollen, United trailed 3-1 at the interval.

Busby gambled. Releasing David Sadler from an auxiliary role in defence he gave orders to attack. "There's only one goal in it overall, so don't give up hope. Go back out with your beads up. Play your football. Let's get at them."

It wasn't so much that United improved but that Real lost their momentum. The pace slackened and at last Busby's team began to look submission two weeks later. Sent out

at least a replay," Charlton thought. He was 50 yards behind the play

when Best slithered past two men and made for goal. "I could see others trying to support George, including Bill Foulkes who seldom crossed the half-way line," Charlton recalled. "Bill kept running, no one picked him up, and when the ball came over he knocked it into the net. When the final whistle went it felt as though we'd won the European Cup and there were tears in our eyes when Matt and I embraced. How tidy. Then Sadler scored to bring could we fail to win it after all we'd

Charlton felt it important that only three of the men chosen to face Benfica in the final had been signed from other professional clubs. "The lads who had played in Europe a long time all seemed to be there," he said many years later when we put a book together. "Bill Foulkes, Shay Brennan, Nobby. Then the younger ones, Johnny Aston and Brian Kidd. They were Manchester lads, so they knew what was expected of them. They had grown up with it all. Brian would

time of the Munich accident." Identifying Eusebio as an obvious do the job on him that he'd done for England against Portugal in the 1966 World Cup semi-finals, Busby gave attention to Benfica's other strengths, the influence of Columa in midfield, Torres's heading ability and Simoes's sourrying pace.

Encouraged by the ease with which Aston got through Benfica's right flank United recovered from early nervousness for Charlton to put them ahead in the second half with a header from Sadler's centre so rare he imagined it coming as a shock to Busby, his mentor Jimmy Murphy, his family, his friends, his learnmates, and the football world at large.

Not enough though to secure Busby's dream. Torres headed down for Graca to equalise and then a heartstopping moment as Eusebio advanced on Alex Stepney. Instead of settling for simplicity Eusebio attempted a spectacular goal and the ball stuck in Stepney's large hands.

Extra time. The World Cup final all over again; only for Charlton and Stiles the faces of those lying on the ground alongside them were different. Busby's words echoed Alf Ramsey's. "Benfica are shattered. Look at them. We're in much hetter shape. We've got this far, now let's finish it."

Demoralised by Eusebio's miss, Benfica sank even lower when Adolfo's slip allowed a clearance from Stepney to reach Best. Wrong-footing Benfica's goalkeeper, Henrique, with a twitch of his shoulders and a flick of the hips, Best planted the ball into an empty net before wheeling away, right hand held aloft. Eusebio had been shown how it was done.

Kidd headed a third before providing the fourth for Charlton. As Busby stepped from the beach to embrace his players people wondered what images were passing through his mind: Duncan Edwards, Eddie Col-Liman, Roger Byrne. "At last, we've done it," he said.

Busby and Charlton had kept faith with United's dead; Best had confirmed his genius. But the glorious unification of skill and spirit that brought Manchester United to fulfillment would dissolve in the acid have been about 10 years old at the truth of complacency that drove Best to brooding, self-destructive despair,

## Resentment after glory for the anonymous legends

of players, united by a mission with it. that was accomplished on a sul-

Even European champions stars." are not immune to the star sys-

A perceptible undercurrent of resentment should surprise game's most admired full-backs,

THEY were a disparate bunch to know your place and get oo

try evening at Wembley. Thir- hrighter members of the 1968 hunch of middle-aged men. "I long ago came to terms with some of them enduring lumi- the fact that there were certain. United had become a business naries, some barely recognised. players who would always be the rather than a football club.

John Aston confounded revered triumvirate of Bohby of his life against Benfica and Charlton, Denis Law - who ac- now sells pet food and accestually missed the final through sories. He maintains he wants injury - and George Best con- nothing more to do with Unittinue to farm the glory, others ed, who released him and cke out a living in relative ob- sacked his father, a former player, coach and scout.

Tony Dunne, one of the that regard. The trick in life is over his testimonial and that reached the pinnacle."

Three decades after scaling the heights David Sadler, one of the of Europe, Derick Allsop finds changed ty years on, they are a desperate Manchester United side, said: fortunes for United's forgotten heroes

Bill Foulkes, who along with Busby and Charlton survived tem, and so it is that while the everyone with the performance Munich to realise the European dream, had to turn to America. Norway and Japan to stay in the game. Returned to Sale and the bosom of his family, he admits he envies today's players and the salaries they command.

no one. Football teams are no runs a golf driving range and but I just feel we were exploitdifferent from a thousand oth- harbours a sense of betrayal. He ed a bit. Over a five year perier microcosms of society in claims Matt Busby let him down od we made a real impact. We

Sadler, Best's house-mate in

organises the United's old boys' association. He also has a realistic perspective on his ability.

These guys are secure for know I was a reasonable playthe rest of their lives, most of er, but time glorifies things to them," he says. "I'm not hiner a certain extent.

their formative years, has a corplayers in our period. Cantona porate hospitality business and certainly would have been."

I admit with regard to myself that you become a much better player than you ever were the older you get, and the cuit. further away from it you get. I

"What you can say is that we had some undisputed great players in our side - Charlton. Best, Crerand, Stiles and,

although he didn't play on the night, Law, And then in Tony Dunne we had the best full back around. Equally, you have to say that people like Schmeichel, Keane, Giggs and maybe Beckham would have been great

Stiles, the scourge of Eusehio in the 1996 World Cup semi final and again in the 1968 European Cup final, has made an unlikely niche for himself on the after-dinner cir-

"I've never been happier," he says. "I never dreamed I could do anything like this, but it just shows. People around the country are lovely. They remember me with no teeth and the dance with the World Cup." Shay Breanan, the lovable

The team who conquered Europe

FOULKES STILES

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Irish-Mancunian, had a brief flirtation with management before building up a courier service in Waterford, which has been run by his wife Liz since be suffered a heart attack. He considers himself fortu-

nate to have made the United speaker and local radio pundit, side and contents himself today with his golf and much practised worldwide with his reportoire socialising. "I would never have and Charlton is... Charlton, the got into the first team but for consummate ambassador for the accident," he says. "I'll go club and country. to a function where Denis or Bobby is the chief guest and the MC will say 'we've got one of the greatest players of all time...

while Brian Kidd, who celehrated his 19th hirthday with United's third goal, is assisting Alex Ferguson's continuing quest for that buge trophy.

Pat Crerand is a pugnacious

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unable to enjoy the triumph that evening. "I was completely dehydrated, I couldn't go to the redid this... did that...' and I stand ception. There was so many people I wanted to see, old play-Alex Stepney, who made ers and parents of lads who died that vital save from Eusehio in the crash. My wife had to go near the end of normal time, has on her own. She came back and just experienced relegation to said it was a pity I didn't make the Second Division as Man- it because the Old Man had chester City's goalkeeper coach, stood up and sung: 'What a Wonderful World .

Derick Allsop is the author of Reliving The Dream - The Triumph and Tears of Manchester United's 1968 European Cup Heroes, published by Mainstream.

## wen confident he can take on the world

FROM his commentators' eyrie England's youngest goalscorer high m the Mohammed V Staon Wednesday, has already fenders and saw his own past ration. and England's future.

A quarter of a century ago. Francis was the new wonderkid on the block. Given a first-team start at 16 by Birmingham, he scored 15 goals in 15 games including four in one match. Front and back page headlines followed and, although injuries future England international. delayed his England debut until he was 23, he went on to be- the Chile game [when he become Britain's first £1m player. came England's youngest debuthe chance [a one-on-one]

stolen five years on Francis Trevor Francis watched Michael and, yesterday, the Birmingham Owen torment Morocco's de- City manager was full of admi-

"He is a unique talent, the sort that comes along once a generation," Francis said. "He follows George Best and Paul Gascoigne. When I first saw him playing for Liverpoot I could not believe what I was seeing. I knew instantly that I was watching a

"What I like most is, after

Trevor Francis, the teenage sensation of his era, sees a stunning future for England's youngest goalscorer. Glenn Moore reports

to his club and scored a hat- to think about it but those are trick. He was completely unfazed by it."

That was apparent after the match as, in a gloomy corridor under the stadium, Owen held court surrounded by dozens of microphones. He was confident, but not arrogant, widecyed hut not naive.

"I didn't feel nervous when Owen, having become, at 18, tant this century] he went back came." he said. "You have time

the chances strikers thrive on. You do get a bit excited but you have to calm down and stick it in the net. It's instinctive. "I find pressure brings the

best out of you. I thrive on the opportunity to impress the manager. I've always set high standards for myself and expect to score. I'm not afraid of the World Cup. I'm confident of

cused of diving by the Moroc- Hoddle said that was an unfair fear to defenders, as he did cans after going down under a challenge in the hox. "Not quite," was his response. "I was running through with the ball, trying to get my arm across him to have a shot at goal. He was grabbing my shirt and I wasn't sure if the ref could see but I'd have been a fool to stay on my feet. You don't dive - but if there

ing sensible Ito go down]." Cesare Maldini, the Italian coach, has named Owen as one of the three players who could

the defender is doing something

to give you that penalty it's be-

Before his goal Owen was uc- set the World Cup alight. Glenn mined he was excited by Owen. So is Francis. "He has the

ability to terrify defenders, esbeen a better time to be a forward. The game is now geared is a penulty for the taking and

"Defenders used to be able

Cup, a red. It means he brings hurden on one so young but ad- against Morocco; they can't elatter him and they can't catch

While Hoddle sees Owen as necially now. There's never a substitute, Francis would start with him. "He's the in-form striker," Francis said, "but I can to forwards - which is why see Glenn's point. It's no longer Manchester United have paid a game of two halves, it's a game £10m for a defender, that would nf 60 minutes then one of 30 have been inconceivable before. minutes and he can be so effective in that second game. to give you a whack early on and These days teams work so hard test you out, they would take it at stopping you it is only then in turns, each just getting a lecthe game opens up. That is Owen celebrates his goal ture from the ref. Now it is a yel- when Owen can be so deadly, low card - and, in the World when defenders start to tire.



against Morocco Del Piero passed fit for World Cup

## **Durie the major doubt for Scots**

By Phil Shaw in Washington DC

SCOTLAND left New York for the Capitol yesterday, fear- Durie then limped off in the secful that their first-choice striking partnership of Kevin doubtful for the match at the Gallacher and Gordon Durie Robert F Kennedy Stadium. will again be prevented from playing together in tomorrow's ly to encounter a familiar face emerged as the favourite to opfinal World Cup warm-up in the US line-up. Roy Wegerle, match by the latter's trouble- who scored more than 80 goals some hamstring.

started a game as a pair in the spearhead the American atfour matches since Scotland beat Latvia last October to qual- of injuries led him to the brink Brian McBride, of Columbus Sommer, in favour of an addiify for France 98. They were due of retirement.

to face Colombia at Giants Stadium last Saturday, only for the Blackburn player to miss out because of a severe stomach upset. ond half and is rated extremely

The Scottish defence is likeduring a flamboyant decade in Gallacher and Durie have not the English game, is set to tack just three years after a spate in Hendry and company, and

Steve Samoson's devotion to an knee surgery last month and unorthodox 3-6-1 system. We-struggled in Sunday's 2-0 defeat man forward line at RFK. Now 34, the South African-born former Luton. Queen's Park a week earlier. Rangers, Chelsea, Blackburn and Coventry striker has

erate the lone attacker's role. Wegerle's rivals are Eric Wynaida, of San Jose Clash, who will complete a century of caps if he appears against Col-

In fact, given the US coach ing scorer of all time, underwent game after suffering concussion in a 0-0 draw with Macedonia

Sampson confirmed after training at Fairfax. Virginia, yesterday that Wegerle was and feared he might miss the "likely to start". However, he is tournament. Italy's coach, Cesufficiently concerned about sare Maldini, has named him his team's lack of scoring power to be considering dropping his third-string goalkeeper, the former QPR player Jürgen Crew. Wynaida, the US's lead- tional forward, Roy Lassiter,

THE Juventus striker Alessan- confirm he's ready to start light squad if the Juventus player is Miroslav Blazevic, who has lost dro del Piero passed a medical on his injured right thigh yesgeric will effectively be a one- of Kuwait. McBride sat out the terday and is on course to play in the World Cup, an Italian team doctor said.

Del Piero picked up the injury in last week's European Cup final defeat to Real Madrid only provisionally in his squad, pending fitness tests.

"There's a notable improvement in his right adduc-

training We'll monitor his sit- unfit. uation over the next few days and give him naother full medfar, he's improving us we had hoped."

Italy play their final World Sweden in Stockholm next Tuesday, the day set by Fifa, world football's ruling body, for for France.

"The muscle feels much bet-

ter than it did last week." Del ical before we go to Sweden. So Piero said at Italy's training camp at Coverciano near Florence. "For the first couple of days after the European Cup fi-Cup warm-up match against nal I couldn't hide my disappointment - partly because we'd because I was injured. Now coaches to finalise their squads things look much brighter."

The Croatian defender The Parma striker Eorico Stjepan Tomas will not play in Andrea Ferretti, said. "I can his place in the World Cup other blow to the coach, said.

two of his top strikers, Alen Boksic and Igor Cvitanovic, this week.

Tomas, from Croatia Zagreb, . suffered pain in his left knee earlier this week and the doctors discovered that the cruciate ligament was torn.

Blazevic also remained firm lost to Real Madrid and partly in his refusal to forgive Cvitanovic, after the striker refused to run extra training laps on. Tuesday, "I cannot change my decision because it would jeop-Chiesa will travel to Sweden as the World Cup due to a torn lig- ardize the team's principles of tor muscle," the team doctor, ower for Del Piero and will take ament. The news came as an order and discipline," the coach

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## Cowan swings it for Essex

By Derek Pringle at Lord's

Ssex 232-9 Middlesex 224-7 Essex win by eight runs

A DECISIVE spell of swing howling by Ashley Cowan, which saw him take five Middlesex wickets for 28 runs, helped Essex win their Benson and Hedges quarter-final match at Lord's by eight runs. They will now meet Yorkshire at Headingley in 12 days time for a place in the final here on 11 July.

Chasing a target of 232, which Essex had reached the previous day largely due to a brilliant knock by the teenager Stephen Peters, Middlesex had their chances, most notably when Justin Langer and Owais Shah were in full flow.

Coming together after Cowan had reduced the home side to 51 for 3, they added 108 runs before Cowan removed the pair with the first and fourth balls of his second spell, both moved both openers, the secbatsmen walking across straight balls to be lbw. It was the point that swung the tie in Essex's favour, a position the visitors succeeded in holding despite threatening flurries from Jason Pooley and Paul Weekes. Like Ben Hollioake, Cowan

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lection for the West Iodies. But if that tour proved dis-

appointing, at least from a playing point of view - he took I for 200 in three tour matches - it at least hrought him the benefits of working cheek by jowl with Angus Fraser. A confirmed non-swinger, Fraser has helped Cowan tighten his line and length, a factor that helped undo Middlesex almost as much Ironically, these were Cow-

affinity for Lord's. Last Sep-

mance that helped secure his se-

an's first wickets in the competition this season, the start of which has proved frustrating. following an injury to his side that has kept him out for three' weeks. Middlesex will probably not want to be reminded, but this was his first game back.

Using the slope from the Nursery End to accentuate his natural outshape, Cowan reond, Keith Brown, falling to a stunning diving catch at second slip by Stuart Law. Esser's Australian has been relatively muted this season, but that catch plus several nerveless overs at the death all played their part. . Cowan's double strike



Mark Butcher on his way to 36 during Surrey's victory yesterday

Photograph: Allsport

tain Mark Ramprakash to the an outswinger, he edged Cowcrease, In fine form after his two hundreds in the Championship at Uxbridge, Ramprakash's second scoring shot was a soaring six into the Mound Stand off Mark Llott. The poise was to prove illu-

hrought the the Middlesex cap- sory and, pushing tentatively at difficult chaoces, however: Langer on 13 and 47; Shah oo an low to Law, still at slip. With 16, the pair looked to have the skipper gone, Langer went judged their retort perfectly. It about a repair job like an exwas not to be, and, in the space pensive crimper, cutting and of four balls in the 38th over, clipping carefully while Shah Cowan, did the crucial damage. aENSON AND HEDGES CUP Semi-fine draw: Lakestershire v Surrey; Variashire v Ears. (Thea to be played 9 June). With both batsmen surviving

## Hollioake brothers see Surrey home

By Henry Biofeld at The Oval

Surrey 206-5 Surrey win by five wickets

SURREY faltered after an exciting opening stand of 81 between Alistair Brown and Alec Stewart losing four wickets for 31 in 11 overs - but then Adam Hollioake and Mark Butcher, in a at and of 70 io 13 overs, steered Surrey with increasing certainty towards victory.

Collapses like Lancashire's on Wednesday are not uo-known at The Oval, and Surrey will have been all too mindful of their undignified exit from last year's NatWest Trophy at the hands of Nottinghamshire as they went about their husiness on this rain-enforced sec-

The morning could hardly have made a better start for them, with Brown and Stewart both playing some handsome strokes. Stewart hooked and drove while Brown drove and cut and, while they were together, the only question was whether or not the lunchtime picnic basket would have to be taken home unopened.

In the 19th over, at 81. Brown then made room to cut Gary Yates and chopped the ball into his leg stump. Three and edged Glenn Chapple, and Cairns took three wickets.

Andrew Flintoff held a fine catch two-handed low to his left at first slip. Graham Thorpe flirted with

danger outside the off-stump against Yates, rather as he had done against the off-spin of Carl Hooper in the recent series in the West Indies. He once straight-drove him into the pavilion for six, but then pushed forward to one that turned and lifted a fraction and was caught

At 113, Jason Ratcliffe checked his drive against Wasim Akram's slower ball and was caught at mid-off. Three overs later, Butcher, when three, cut at Yates and Wasim dropped a quick catch two-handed to his right at slip - and that was effectively Laocashire's last

Butcher cut and drove in fine style while Adam Hollioake's chunky belligerence was splendid. He drove lan Austin over wide mid-off for six and repeated the stroke against Peter Martin before Butcher was caught behind driving. There was just time for two effortless before Surrey won with 4.2 overs to spare. After being bowled out for

305, New Zealand reduced Sri Lanka to 251 for 7 at the close of the second day of the first Test in Colombo. Mahela Jayaruns later Stewart played back wardena scored 52 while Chris

### Morley to miss only one game

Rugby League

By Dave Hadfield

THE Leeds and Great Britain second-row forward, Adrian Morley, will miss his cluh's match at St Helens on Sunday after being banned for a high tackle.

Morley, one of Leeds' outstanding players in their unbeaten start to the Super League season, was sent off for the tackle on Whetu Taewa at Sheffield last weekend. Morley has been criticised

for his tackling technique in the past and a long ban would have been a major blow to Graham Murray's side. But a disciplinary hearing in Leeds ruled that his tackie was careless rather than premeditated and suspended him for just one game.

Leeds have an obvious replacement for Sunday, with their Australian back-row man. Marc Glanville, back in action after coocussion, while the Saints' coach, Shaun McRac, could leave out two other regular first-teamers as well as Bobbie Goulding.

Saints insist that Goulding is injured, but the clear implicastrokes from Ben Hollioake | tion is that he, Damien Smith and Karle Hammond are carrying much of the blame for last week's defeat at Halifax. Andy Haigh and Apollo Perelini will come into the starting line up. with Sean Long moving to scrum-half and Tommy Martyn starting at stand-off.

Bradford, who have secured four-figure sponsorship deal with the sports goods company, Asics UK, for their Bulltag touch rugby game, have a player who tackles rather harder available for tonight's match against the London Broncos. Matt Calland is fit again af-

ter a hamstring strain and is likely to replace Nathan Graham, who has damaged a pectoral muscle, on the bench with Bulls' coach, Matthew Elliott, sticking with the starting 13 that woo at Castleford. Shaun Edwards will be playing against London for the first time since his stint with

London's Tony Currie will have to juggle his resources to make up for the absence of Martin Offiah, Glen Air, Chris Ryan, Mark Carroll and John Timu in his worst injury crisis of the season so far.

Wes Cotton comes in on the wing, with Tulsen Tollett at centre and Peter Gill at standoff. Steve Rosolen starts his first game in the second row since breaking his arm in the pre-sea-

"It is incredible how strong our side still is, with the likes of Offiah, Carroll and Timu out," said Rosolen, London's longestserving player.

The 22-year-old prop Steve Barrow is poised to make his Hull debut against Wigan on Sunday after he moved to the Sharks on loan from Central Park vesterday.

### Lomu doubtful for Estaland

#### Rugby Union

JONAH LOMU, the fearsome es light blace goes to the 36-year-new Zealand wing, may ooldan the house the last of his 24 make the All Black squad ed to who won the last of his 34 face England next month surgery cause of injury.

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two and Monday, Grant Fox, the har All Black, said Lomu's Th was less than 100 per cent whe was struggling. Fox said a comu was still suffering because of his kidney ailment.

The much-maligned home countries' squads for tours to the southern hemisphere were again the subject of discussion yesterday.

Andrew Lewis, the Cardiff prop, has withdrawn from the Wales squad that leaves for the tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa next week. Lewis has

termise, tanjury and after tak-ing iceberal advice has decided no ake the trip.

s during the 1995 World Cup. Scotland's team manager, Lomu, who returns they should return Hastie, yesterday anexecutive, John O'Neill, of the

O'Neill was reported in The

Home Unions, "O'Neill said. Hastie said O'Neill and the

ARU were aware that, for various reasons - nothing to do with pressure being exerted on the SRU by English clubs - a number of Scotland's leading players were unavailable.

"While Mr O'Neill's reported comments have undoubtedly been coloured by our poor performance against Fiji [a 51-26 defeat on Tuesday] it is regrettable that he should choose to re-open this issue after be had previously accepted the SRU's assurances that the touring party was the been suffering from a long- strongest available," Hastic said.

## Mason builds England hopes

found his feet.

### Hockey

By Bill Colwill in Utrecht

ENGLAND took a major step towards securing their future in the top bracket of world hockey when they beat Malaysia 3-1 in their last pool game in the World Cup here yesterday. They are oow likely to play Canada in the first fifth-eighth place play-off match.

a series of timely saves by the Pearn put the game beyond goalkeeper Simon Mason and the specialist penalty corner his way through a packed deshooting of Calum Giles, who is fence to score a brilliant goal.

almost certainly playing in his making his 50th appearance for 48 as he put England ahead in the 16th minute. Although interval, England regained the lead 17 minutes into the second at the end of October. half wheo Jason Lee picked up à Giles rehound to score.

Earlier England had struggled to stay in the game and only Mason saved the day. With just Yesterday's game hinged on eight minutes remaining Mark Malaysia's grasp when he drilled

last England tournament, Giles, course for our rescheduled target for this event after we lost England, took his goal tally to our first two games," the coach, Barry Dancer, said, referring to the hopes of finishing in the first Malaysia equalised before the six to compete in the élite Champions' Tropby in Lahore

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### Whitaker's quick work to Virtual monopoly

#### Equestrianism

By Genevieve Murphy in loswich

JOHN WHITAKER and Virtual Village Heyman won their second international trial within the space of four days when finishing 0.07sec ahead of Robert Smith on Senator Scharne here yesterday. Di Lampard was a mere 0.01sec behind Smith in third place on Abbervail Dream.

Jumper of the Year at Wembley last year, had already won the international trial at Old-Wednesday before jumping his error each time. third double clear round of the his first Nations Cup this year,

possibly at Hickstead. Damian Charles has some up with her last week.

Heyman, the Leading Show splendid new mounts. He jumped clear for the second day running with Denise Stamp's Amber Dumontau, finishing cotes Show on Monday and the fourth on Wednesday and fifth runner-up prize here on yesterday with one jump-off

The nine-year-old mare had week in yesterday's contest. shown good form with Damian's Heyman is due to compete in uncle, the former European champion Peter Charles, on the Spanish Sunshine Tour and The British selectors must she has been in the money four have noted with pleasure that times since the nephew teamed

#### British bypassing Spa regatta

#### Sailing

By Stuart Alexander

THE Spa regatta, oo the Netherlands' Ijsselmeer, is one of the three big European meets for the world's Olympic squads and this year a record 54 countries have sent a record number of boats. But there is no British team roar. There is little to strike fear into rival organisations already well down the road to Sydney. Britannia is looking unlikely to rule the waves, at least at this stage.

The absence of Ben Ainslie, mances can lift all around him. moves into the middle. Ainslie is working to improve on the Olympic silver he won in the singlehanded Laser in 1996 and is Britain's best bet for a medal m 2000.

Following their own silver medal performance, in the 49er World Championships last week, the Budgen brothers, Andy and Ian, are resting. And Ian Walker, now pursuing his Robinson, is in Medemhlik as a coach to the 470s.

ent from many classes but a re- Sports Council bases its decipeat for Britain in the 470,

pecking order open up, looks a long way off especially after the death of Walker's partner John Merricks in a car crash last year. Shirley Robertson, fourth in

which has consequently seen the

the Europe at the last two Olympics, is up to third in the world rankings, having won the first of the three World Cup events in Europe, at Hyeres at the eod of April, and then the Princess Sophia Trophy in Spain. Another who was fourth in Savannah, Andy Beadsworth

in the Soling, is back, with middle man Barry Parkin moving to the froot to replace Adrian still catching up on A level ex- Stead, who has been on Whitams, removed a competitor hread duty with Lawrie Smith whose attitude and perfor- in Silk Cut, as Chris Mason So, of the four classes in which Britain has Sydney medal

hopes, in two of them the players are absent. Nevertheless, the air of change in British sailing may take a while to settle. Olympic manager John Derbyshire is upbeat as he sees a

raft of young talent come into recognition. He may also hope that they will be easier to manown 49er campaign with Tim age than the anarchic old hands. While Derbyshire is looking long term, he also has to deliv-

The 49er has attracted tal- er the results on which the sions on continued financing.

#### Sporting Digest

Athletics . Achietics

Britishs pole yout records for men and women were taylsed on Wadnesday right through the efforts of Nick Buckfield and Jegice Whitlock. Buckfield and Jegice Whitlock. Buckfield reised his ownision from \$75m to \$80 in Kharle. Crease on a borrowed pole; while Whitlock competing in Cottous in destamplicationary, set her 25m retional record, reising her best from 425m to 430. 

Cricket scoreboard

Benson and Hedges Cup

ex v Essen

LDRO'S: Essex won by eight runs.

Ouarber-finals

Muldiesex won toss

One day

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesotz 6 Texas 5; Chicago White Sox 12 NY Yankees 8; Kansas City 4 Anahelm 0. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 7 San Francisco 5; Philadelphia 10 Chicago Cube 5; NY Meta 3 Portida 2: Los Angeles 3 Hous-ton 1; Allanta 2 Montreel 0; Mexautes 3 Pita-burgh 2 (10 Instinge); St Louis 2 Colorado 1; San Diego 3 Anzona 4.

Baseball

NBA Play-offs: Eastern Conference final: Chicago 106 Indiama 87 (Chicago lead best-cheeven series 3-2). WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Berlin, Ger) Group A: Russia 107 Argentina 32, Spain 72 China 55, Group B:

Japan 73 Senegal 66; United States 87 Lithuenia 61 Group C: Australe 88 Germeny 68; Cube 96 Congo 62 Group D: Hungary 71 South Korea 65; Srazil 88 Sloveka 60.

BOWIS

THOMAS TAYLOR WOMEN'S YOURNAMENT (Websirlor), Blackpool) Third round:
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21-11; Walen (Barnlor) by C Burnel (Barnlor)
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EQUESCITEMISM
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Equestrianism

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WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: King Hasses II International Cup: France 1 (2)-dane 62) Belgium 0. International friend-Res: Modde: Norwey 6 (Rekdel pen 20, Soleljam 30, 4, Ostenatad 82, T A Flo 85, Strand 97) Saudi Anabia 0. Hebitofit; Firstend 0 Germany 0. Choczow: Poland 3 (Izzedak 4, Heito 57, 30) Russia 1 (Gerapimento 8) Arnhem: Nethinismis 0 Cameroon 0. Visenata: Austria 2 (Centry 11, Well 97) Tunisa 1 (Bacine 23). European Under-21 Championship (Buchares) desde line golden goel). Miolelovan Cup Sinet (Chisanau): Zimbru Chisinau 0.

Golf Noboru Fujike yesterday shot the lowest one-round score in a Japan PGA tournament, an 11-under-par 60, and took a six-shot lead in the opening round of the Witsubishi Galant at Kami.

Today's fixtures Football

Other sports GOLF. English Women's Amateur Champion-ahip (at Wellon Health, Supply).

ENGLISH WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMP-IONSHIP (Walton Heath) First round: E Retaffe (Sandwey) bit Keurton (St George's Hill) 5 and 4; J Thomhalf (Malton Heath) bit C Marron (Bromborough) 2 holes; K Teytor (Sandford Springe) bit C Watson (Beacons-field) 2 and 1; K Rostron (Citheron) bit L Net-son (Portie Park) 4 and 3; K Evants (Moor Park) bit Alluray (Lamoster) at 8th K Sup-ples (Royal Cinque Ports) bit N Lawrenson 4 and 2; C Court (Goodwood) bit L Stro-son (Gevose) 2 and 1; N Lumb (Filton) bit Parfo ix A Murray (Limouster) at 18th; K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports) bt N Lawrenson 4 and 2; C Court (Goodwood) bt L Simpson (Gevoes) 2 and 1; N Lumb (Filtor) bt F Brown (Heswell) 5 and 4; C Rifson (Ormaldric) bt K Hamilton (Cotswold Hills) 2 holes; K Knowles (Worplesdon) bt D Wilmott (Tracy Park) at 21 at; R Prout (Beschworth Park) bt C Lipocombe (Cremostar) 4 and 3; S Heath (Reford) bt K Smith (Walterbookle) at 20th; K Fisher (Royal Lytham and St Annes) bt S Sanderson (The Berishre) 5 and 3; J Lamb (West Wilshire) bt R Hudson (Wheatley) 1 hole; S Nacien (Woodsome Hall) a 2 and 2; L Walters (Chevin) bt E Duggleby (Wellon and Norton) 4 and 3. Second round: Retainfie bt Thomhill 2 and 1; Rostron bt Taylor 4 and 3; Supples bt Exars 1 hole; Court bt Lumb at 20th; Heath bt Prout 3 and 2; Fieher bt Lamb 6 and 4; Walthers bt Nacien 3 and 2; Knowles bt Ritson 2 holes.

MEN'S WORLD CLP (Urachi) Pool A: Germany 2 Korea 1; India 1 Canada 4 Pool B: England 2 Malaysia 1; Spain 4 Poland 0. Sailing

Cornelot Group pic. Players must be 15 or over

races): 1 T Grael and F Bloke (Bra) 3pts; 2 C Beashel and II Gliss (Aus) 4; 3 L Moders and L Devoit (i) 3 GB: 4 G Charles and M Covell 1; Solling (after two races): 1 II Shakibko, 2 Victritov and 5 Gennest (Flus) 7pts; 2 N Whittey, II Edwards and J Grace (Aus) 9; 3 S Fichugin, V Korotkov and 5 Thmonov (Life) 12, GB: 10 A Beadworth, B Perkin and C Meson 25; 26 G Barler, P Liver and A Roberts 52. Tornado (after two races): 1 O Bundoolf and J Forbes (Aus) 10pts; 2 P Permec and V Guichard (F) 13; 3 A Hagars and W Moser (Aut) 18, GB: 17
3 Sendersen and W Howelen 38; 25 R Wisson and T Saunt 52: 33 J Pierce and B Roche 66, 479 women (after three races): 1 V Kochun and N Saunt 52: 33 J Pierce and B Roche 66, 479 women (after three races): 1 V Kochun and M Saunt 62: 32 R Raggett and 5 Webb 33; 30 H Luctas and M Beach 87; 40 K Nurion and 3 Watson 107, 470 men (after four races): 1 T Copl and M Margon (Sicven) 60ts; 2 P Foresser and 3 Menick (US) 5; 3 E Brastavets and 1 M (Un) 15; GB: 18 N Rogers and J Gharfield 55; 43 II Edwards and 5 firsh 38; 74 II Sones and M Hogan 128, Misterial men (after two races): 1 J Rodrigues (Por) 2pts; 2 = C Espinols (Arg), M Makiek (Pol) 4, GB: 23 H Purrb 20; Arg), M Makiek (Pol) 4, GB: 23 H Purrb 20; Lai Shar (H) 6; 3 M Okonsito (Pol) 26; 3 E Cachrisone 52; 29 E Ree 61; 30 J Clague 61; 35 H Cartwright 69.

Shaun Murphy, aged 15, is to become the youngest professional on tour next season. The minimum age is 16 years, season. The minimum age is 16 years, but because the inthingborough play-er will reach that age a week after the start of summer qualifiers, the World

SUJALISM
ENGLAND TOP TEN: Men: 1 2. Parte,
(Yorks); 2 M Cheboner (Lirus); 3 P Johnson
(Kernt); 4 M Calma (Docor); 5 C Walker (Es-sec); 6 O Herris (Essec); 7 S Medicis (Berket); 8 N Tayfor (Lancs); 2 T Gerner (Susses); 10 M Berrett (Yorks), Womers: 1 2 Wright (Kernt); 4 J Mertin (Northumbris); 6 L Chermen (Sus-sex); 2 F Gespes (Gloc); 7 J Tranfield (Yorks); 8 R Macroe (Essec); 9 8 Brind (Kernt); 10 T Sheriton (Soutie).

Squash

Tennis

Professional Billiards and Snooker Association have allowed him to play on the world circuit.

Tennis
FRENCH OPEN (Stade Roland Garros,
Paria) Ren's singles, second round: C
MOVA (Sp) bt P insz (Sp) 64 7-6 6-2; F
MANTILLA (Sp) bt 2 Biack (2m) 6-2 6-2 7-8;
T Muster (sut) bt N Kiefer (Sur) 6-2 6-2 7-8;
M Zabalets (Arg) bt 1 Tarango (US) 8-0 6-2
6-2 3 Sargsian (Arm) bt A Gauderiz (t) 8-4
6-2 6-7 6-4; A Rie (Aus) bt M Tilistrom (Swe)
6-7 6-3 6-3 6-4; C Van Garase (Be) bt S Drapor (Aus) 6-3 3-8 6-7 7-6 5-2 Women's singles, second round: A SANCHEZ VICARO
(Sp) bt C Cristiae (Rom) 6-2 6-3; A
KOURNICOM (Rus) bt K Studenkova (Siovaic) 8-2 7-6; C Rubin (US) bt T Parnova (Rus)
6-1 6-1; A Carleson (Swe) bt S Jeyasselan
(Can) 6-4 8-0; M Swelt (Japan) bt L Andretto
(Can) 6-1 7-6; H Negrowa (Slock) bt B Pfischies (Aut) 6-4 6-3; L DANESPORT (US) bt
L Horn (SA) 8-2 6-0; M Seria (Sp) bt M
PERCE (Fr) 7-5 8-2; II VAN ROCST (Be)
bt E Callers (Bel) 6-3 6-0; E Likhoviseva
(Rus) bt C Black (Zm) 7-5 7-5.
VETERAN HARID COURT; CHABIPON.

Men's over-35 singles, semi-finats: N Ful-wood (Derbyshire) bt R Ward (Northants) 6-2 6-0; M Blincow (Northants) bt J God-frey (Hampothire) 7-6 7-6 Over-45 singles, quarter-finales: 3 Drysdale (Esset) bt R Whitehead (Kenth 6-1 6-1; 3 Greatrex (Staffordshire) bt N Clark (Northumberland) 6-7 6-2 6-1; W Boone (Cambridge) bt 3 Brackstone (Dorsel) 4-6 6-2 8-0; P Striter (Hareford & Worcester) bt A Monger (Dorsel) 6-1 6-2 Women's over-35 singles, semi-finales: A Stewart (Kent) bt S Bitel (Mich. enti-finals: A Stewart (Kert) bt S Bitel (Mid-cleset) 6-3 6-0; M Bishop (Middleset) bt B Sneps (Surrey) 6-1 6-1.

#### TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of Flos in Norway's football World Cup squad, announced yesterday. Chelsea's Tore Andre Flo is joined by his brother Jostein, the tormer Sheffield United striker who nows plays for Stromsgodse back home in Norway, and their cousin Havard Flo of Germany's Werder Bremen.

### ON WEDNESDAY IT WAS THEM.

Draw date: 27/5/98. The winning numbers: 8, 13, 15, 26, 39, 42. 3 nus number: 33.

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Match 3	548,201	£10	£5,482,000
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0-50-1; Grayson S-0-17-0. Umpires: R Paimer and A Clarisson.

Surrey v Lancashire THE OVAL: Surrey won by five wickets. Surrey won loss LANCASHIRE 8-203 9-203. Bowling: Bicknet 10-2-25-2; Benjamin 10-1-43-C: A Hollowin 7-0-35-1; Section 94-0-46-4; Sel-lebury 10-0-34-2; B Hollowin 3-0-15-0. A II Brown b Vetes
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#### Football

By Glenn Moore

England today with his international career, and his dreams of a starring role in next month's World Cup, over. After missing out on Arsenal's Double triumph through injury, this second hlow in a month left even the effervescent striker deep in gloom.

injury in Wednesday's victory and rarely played the full 90 minover Morocco which will take at least two weeks to heal. As he was already struggling to regain months of injury problems. Glenn Hoddle was forced to rule him out for France.

Wright's absence offers the likes of Les Ferdinand, who will probably start today's match against Belgium in Casablanca, a fresh chance but it robs England of a good squad man, capable of playing a part on and

At 34, Wright is unlikely to play for England again despite Hoddle's professed admiratioo for him. "I'm so disappointed, above all because I think England can go a very long way in this World Cup and I wanted so much to be part of that with the of the 1992 European Champboys," said Wright, as he prepared to leave England's training camp in La Manga. "No tournament and never gave up manager has shown greater trying to be ready for this one. and Dion Dublin from criticism

faith in me than Glenn Hoddle. I can promise the boys that they won't have a bigger supporter in France or at home than me."

Wright's words were echoed IAN WRIGHT flies back to by Hoddle. "I am very disappointed for Ian because he has worked so hard and made so much effort to get into the squad," the England coach said.

Wright played 31 times for England, scoring nine goals. Even though four of those came in one game against San Marino his record was respectable giv-Wright suffered a hamstring en that he only started 16 games utes - he did so three times in tt appearances under Hoddle. His finest match was prob-

full match fitness after six ably the selfless one in Rome when England achieved qualification with a goalless draw. Yet, had Christian Vieri converted Italy's last-minute chance, Wright might have forever been remembered for hitting the post a minute earlier at the other end.

With the emergence of Michael Owen, Wright's importance to England has declined in recent months and he is not among that core of players whose absence would seriously weaken England's chances. Even so, there was much sadness any left out today. in the squad yesterday especially as Wright, having been left out ionship squad when in prime form, never played in a major



distress after suffering the hamstring injury which has ruled him out of France 98

match 1-0 to France oo

Wednesday, will be useful op-

position. Like England their

strengths are solid defending

Loc Nilis and Luis Oliveira, a

naturalised Brazilian playing

They are an aging team, which could give Michael Owen

another chance to show his

provess as a substitute. "He can

give you a different dimension

when he comes on," said Hod-

dle. "He has two great assets,

pace and the movement that

comes from an understanding

of the game. Very few players

for Frorentina.

With injury previously claiming Jamie Redknapp, Hoddle oow has to cut just five more names by Monday. Six players - Ian Walker, Nigel Martyn, Rio Ferdinand, Rob Lee, Nicky Butt and Paul Merson - will await the unveiling of the team to play Belgium with special trepidation. Nooe have so far played in this week's final trio of matches and the prospects look bleak for

Paul Gascoigne will play some part but not the whole match. He urgently needs a better performance than he put in against Morocco. Hoddle, who exempted Darreo Anderton over the poor first-half passing in that game, picked out Steve McManaman's aggressive running, positional discipline and work-rate as one of the better -and potent forwards, notably aspects of the second. McManaman added that

something extra to an England side that has a tendency to appear pedestrian in midfield. Ironically, since he prefers a free role, his best work came after he was moved to the left flank in a 4-4-2 formation. Hoddle, having come to the job pledging to copy the German 3-5-2 method - with a sweeper, markers and wingbacks - has reluctantly begun to embrace four at the back.

·have both." Belgium, who lost a tepid World-bester Owen, page 30

### Real Madrid sack Heynckes

JUPP HEYNCKES, Real Madrid's coach, was fired yesterday - eight days after he led the team to their record seventh European Cup victory and first in 32 years.

Heynckes' departure was sealed in a secret meeting with-Real's president, Lorenzo Sanz. yesterday. The German coach was not available for comment.

Sanz said that victory in Europe's top competition did not compensate for the club's embarrassing performance in the domestic First Division. Their traditional rivals Barcelona won

the title and beat Real at home in November. Real finished fourth.

Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian Prime Minister was ordeced to stand trial 📯 tax fraud in connect 1992 transfer of the Gianluigi Lentini from Leonfu. Beriusconi's Milan. Bersous un . Macclesfield Town to two sucand Milan's managing direought a ssive promotions. Adriano Galliani, are accusement wo. Wilf Mannion, the former sealing the deal by topping tof complete shrough and England Leotini's 18bn lire (£9m) transpoling seli-: in hospital with susfer fee with a 10bn lire back-4

hander to Torino's chairman, Gian Mauro Borsano.

## Fletcher warns Shearer pursuers

By Alan Nixon

NEWCASTLE'S chief executive, Freddie Fletcher, insisted yesterday that the England captain, Alan Shearer, is not for sale at any price. Shearer has been linked with Juveotus and Barcelona, with the Italian giants reported to be considering a £22m offer.

But Newcastle yesterday issued a warning to any clubs hop-ing to lure Shearer away from Tyneside. "First and foremost Alan Shearer is not for sale," Fletcher said. "Let me stress once and for all that he is not : leaving this club."

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Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, said he he is not interested in signing the Italian World Cup veteran Roberto Baggio and has slammed as "crazy" the big-money sums surrounding the striker.

Liverpool's attempt to sign the German striker Sean Dundee may have to be settled by Fifa, football's world governing body, after Borussia Monchengladbach claimed they have a written agreement with him.

Dundee has had a medical and agreed terms to join Rhy Evans's side, but now Borussia say the Karlsruhe striker signed a hinding pre-contract with them.

Brian McClair, given a free. transfer by Manchester United. is being pursued by Motherwell, the club where he began his suc cess story as a teenager.

Another former United player, Sammy McIlroy, is set to be named as the oew manager of Burnley. McIlroy has guided

nonia: Mannion.

### Erratic Pierce exits as the home support turns to 1994 final at Roland Garros and from the French Fed Cup team Her only previous meeting the French Open have not been continued to look dangerous in man, Nicolas Kiefer, 6-2, 6-1, was asked, this repertoire

in Paris

THE atmosphere at the French Open was distinctly damp and chilly yesterday, especially on the No 1 Court named in honour of the great Suzanne Lenglen, where Mary Pierce was derided by her adoptive fellow citizens. Jeers and whistles accompanied the No 11 seed's departure in the second round after she had failed to capitalise on a 5-1 first set lead against Magu Serna, of Spain.

Fêted after reaching the

Pierce has grown accustomed to ambivalence.

"I'd say I get more support everywhere else in the world than here," said Pierce, who was born in Canada to a French mother and an American father, and raised to Florida. "If I win, I'm the French Mary Pierce, and if I lose I'm the French American. It's not new. It's oot the first time and probably won't be the last time, either, whatever I do here. It's no hig deal."

Her popularity was not enhanced after she was dropped

from her home in Florida to say that she would be arriving in Ghent the day before a tie with Belgium. Noah told her to stay in America if she was not pre-

training with the other players. Pierce, whose preparation for the tournament was hindered by a pulled thigh muscle, which caused her to retire in the second round of an event in Berlin a fortnight ago. She did oot offer this as an excuse for yesterday's erratic performance in losing, 7-5, 6-2

winning the 1995 Australian in April by the captain, Yannick with Serna, a talented 19-year- without incident. Her father, the lower half of the draw, dis- 6-3. Asked if he enjoyed beating be prepared Tharlton, the shoned Noah old from Las Palmas, was in the Jim, was hanned by the patching the Romanian Catali-members of the new generation, third round at Wimhledoo last year, Pierce winning in straight sets. "I guess Magu's best surface is clay," she said. I have to give her a lot of credit today. She pared to travel for pre-match played a great match. She made very few unforced errors."

Cycling

By Martin Ayres

ingham to Cardiff.

Asked if tension had caused her to lose seven games in a row after the first set had been within her grasp, Pierce said, "I don't think I can use any excuse there. It just means I can improve my game and she played a very good match."

Pierce's nine appearances at

THE DEATH of a motorcycle

Women's Tennis Association in 1993 after his disruptive behaviour at Roland Garros - and elsewhere on the tour. It was only recently that he was allowed to attend tournaments at which he was acting as a coach

to a player. As on Wednesday, rain-delays were a feature of the day's play. The 16-year-old Anna Kournikova advanced to the third round in Monica Seles's quarter of the draw, defeating Katarina Studenikova, of Slovakia, 6-2, 7-6. and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

na Cristea, 6-2, 6-4.

Between the showers, the upsets continued in the men's singles. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the 1996 champion, seeded No 6 on this occasion, was eliminated in the second round by Sweden's Thomas Enqvist, 7-6, 7-6, 6-1. Enqvist, the world No 19, woo the first set tie hreak, 12-10, the second set shoot-out 7-4.

Thomas Muster, the 1995 champion, was in determined mood, giving a lesson in court craft to the promising young Ger-

the 30-year-old Austrian said, "Yes, especially when they tell you you're not fit enough to play anymore after one set, which is what happened in Dubai."

Muster, who is among the playing at Wimbledon this year, he hasn't won."

year's French Ope. at the stage where I those him on clay, so I rather & that," he said. "He has" game. His problem is everyone makes a hig deal of clay-courters who will oot be of it because it is the only ook

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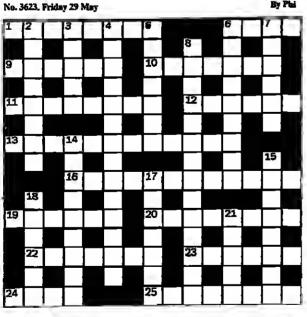
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### Death of police escort rider cancels Tour of Britain stage

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one?) (8) 17 Pay no attention to pollution of glen etc. (7) 18 Latest news: finished with boyfriend (6)

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first of auxiliaries (5)

into the day's stage. Officials stopped the race, and riders waited with their decessor, the Kellogg's Tour, in nale in Holborn, London.

through Worcester, 35 miles

on cycling events and royal vis-

News that a serious accident

had occurred on the race route

team cars while an ambulance 1994 when a motorist evaded and police went to the crash site. Chris Boardman, Britain's

number one rider, said: "The riders were as devastated as policeman oo the Prutour of anyone and were happy to go along with the organisers' Britain yesterday left competi-

tors with no heart for racing, "Any sport that involves and there were no dissenting voices when race officials abunspeed has an element of risk to doned stage five from Birmit," Boardman added, "Tragically, from time to time there PC Dave Hopkins, 41, had are accidents and that is what happened today. All of us, ridbeen riding five minutes ahead of the race, warning road users ers and police, are volunteers of the imminent arrival of the and are here because we want riders, when he was in collision to be here."

Fatalities are surprisingly with a car, receiving fatal inrare in cycle racing, the last A member of the 35-strong time a competitor died in a ma-Police National Escort Group, jor British event was in the which is responsible for ac-1970s when a Czech rider was killed in the Milk Race. His companying major cycle races. PC Hopkins, a father of four. death led the organisers and was an experienced molorcycle police to increase the size of the escort rider, having worked escort team."

Fabio Casartelli's death in the Tour de France three years ago was the first in the Tour since Tom Simpsoo collapsed was relayed back to the main and died on Mont Ventoux in field just after it had raced 1967.

For many on the race yesterday, the incident revived memories of the Prutour's pre-

launched their event this year. Yesterday's fatality, together with the incident on stage three when the field was sent off course, raised concerns that the new Tour's future might be endangered. However, Clare Salmon, the Pru's consumer marketing director, insisted that

the police escort and drove

into a group of riders, injuring

three of them. The sponsorship

ended shortly afterwards and

British cycling was without a

flagship event until Prudential

contract and back the event for the next three years. The Prutour will recommence today when the 90 riders left in the race will hope to rekioule some enthusiasm for the 91-miles stage from Bristol to Reading.

the company would stick to its

Yesterday's stint had been due to take in some severe climbs in South Wales which would have affected the overall standings decisively, Instead, racing resumes with 10 riders within 90 seconds of the overall leader, Stuart O'Grady, who should be capable of defending his advantage until Sunday's fi-

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